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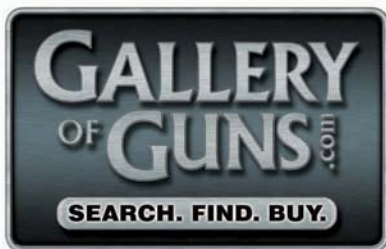


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Capacity: 8+1 & 6+1  
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Item #: 3255  
Caliber: 9MM  
Sights: Fixed 3-Dot

Capacity: 7+1  
BBL: 3.12"



- Blue Finish on Slide
- Kryptek Neptune Camo Frame
- Striker Fired
- Visual Chamber Inspection Port
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### LC9S-MG

Item #: 3243-RUG  
Caliber: 9MM  
Sights: Fixed 3-Dot

Capacity: 7+1  
BBL: 3.12"



- Blue Finish on Slide
- Muddy Girl Camo Frame
- Striker Fired
- Visual Chamber Inspection Port
- Magazine Disconnect

**RUGER**

### LCP

Item #: 3743  
Caliber: 380  
Sights: Fixed

Capacity: 6+1  
BBL: 2.75"



- Blue Finish on Slide
- Kryptek Neptune Camo Frame
- Weighs 9.4oz

**RUGER**

### LCP-MG

Item #: 3734  
Caliber: 380  
Sights: Fixed

Capacity: 6+1  
BBL: 2.75"



- Blue Finish on Slide
- Muddy Girl Camo Frame
- Weighs 9.4 oz

**RUGER**

### 22/45 Lite

Item #: 3910  
Caliber: 22LR  
Sights: Adjustable

Capacity: 10+1  
BBL: 4.4"



- Red Anodize Finish
- Zytel Poly Grip Frame
- Loaded Chamber Indicator
- Replaceable 1911-Style Grip Panels
- Threaded Barrel

**RUGER**

### LCP

Item #: 3744-RUG  
Caliber: 380  
Sights: Fixed

Capacity: 6+1  
BBL: 2.75"



- Blue Finish on Slide
- Kryptek Pontus Camo Frame
- Weighs 9.4 oz

**RUGER**

### 22/45 Lite

Item #: 3909  
Caliber: 22LR  
Sights: Adjustable

Capacity: 10+1  
BBL: 4.4"



- Black Anodize Finish
- Muddy Girl Camo Zytel Poly Grip Frame
- Loaded Chamber Indicator
- Replaceable 1911-Style Grip Panels
- Threaded Barrel

**RUGER**

### SR22PB

Item #: 3618  
Caliber: 22LR  
Sights: Adjustable 3-Dot

Capacity: 10+1  
BBL: 3.5"



- Muddy Girl Camo Slide
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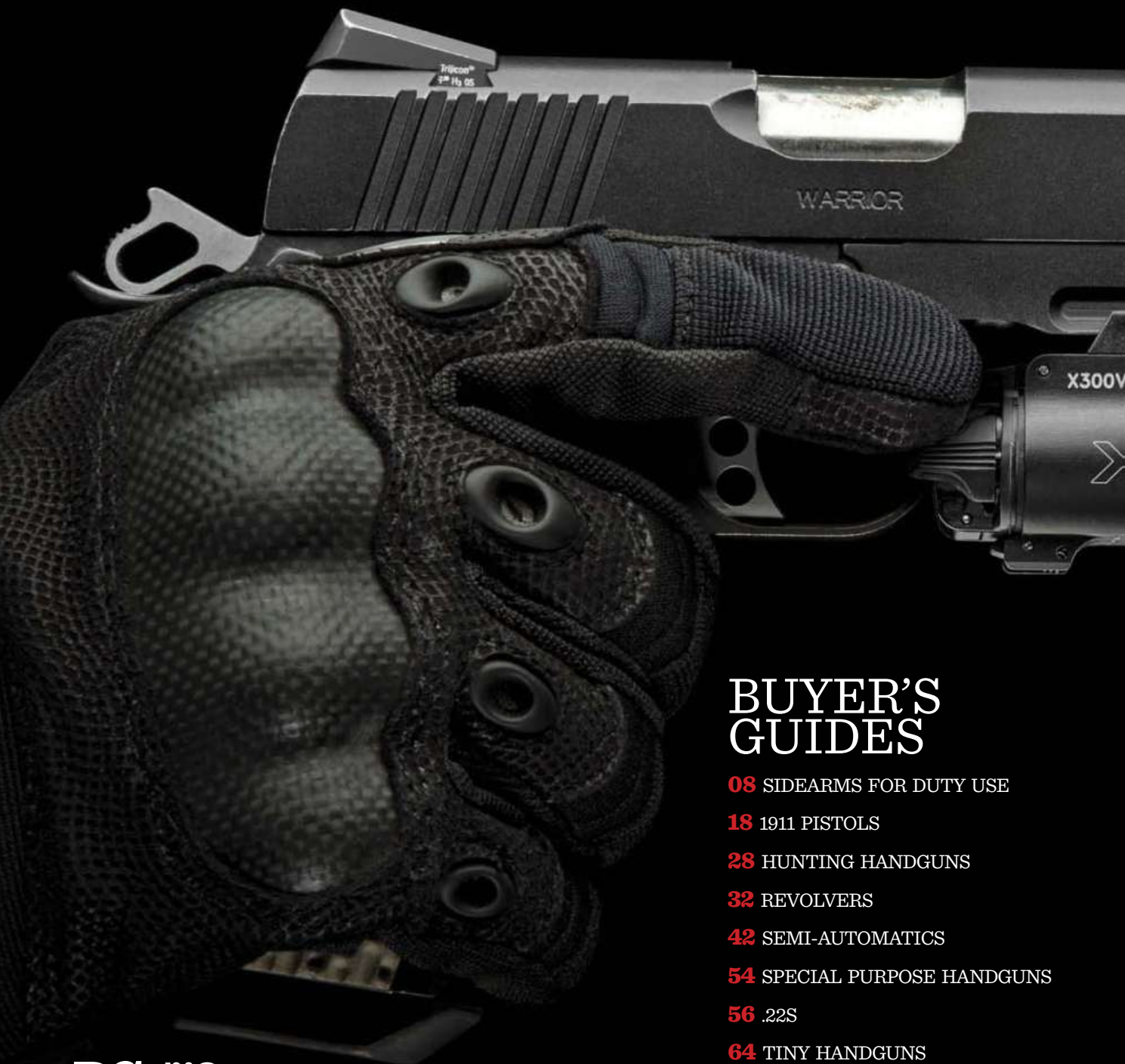
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# THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

**A**s I wrote this, the Dog Days of Summer were starting to give way to autumn leaves.

Those dazzling orange, gold and russet leaves were more prominent, as were the Halloween decorations in our local stores.

Another annual fall tradition is our *Gun World Buyer's Guide*.

This is a great project because it gives us a chance to look over all of the really cool guns, ammunition and accessories that the manufacturers have come up with over the past months. I spend a lot of time on my local range, and I talk to, and compete with, many shooters throughout the year. Some are weekend plinkers and some are fiercely competitive shooters, but one thing they all have in common is they want value in the guns, ammunition and shooting accessories that they purchase.

It's incredibly frustrating to have a piece

of equipment you've spent money on fail to live up to your expectations. Fortunately, in our sport, this happens much less often than you would think. The companies that serve the shooting public try very hard to win your business and they protect the reputations they've built up over the years. If they don't live up to expectations, word travels fast.

So now that the leaves are turning, holidays are right around the corner, and it's time to get shopping lists together. To that point, we have assembled a unique buyer's guide for you of the best handguns, ammunition and accessories on the market.

We know you will find plenty between these pages that will serve you well. **GWBG**

Regards!

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The service pistol has evolved over many years from a basic, simple six-inch revolver to a polymer-framed, striker-fired, high-capacity pistol with an array of accoutrements such as tritium night sights, tactical lights, and active and passive lasers.

Regardless of the way the gun is configured, the fact remains that the service pistol has to be reliable, accurate and dependable.





### 01 BERETTA 90-TWO

MSRP  
**\$700**



### 03 CZ97B

MSRP  
**\$707**



### 02 BERETTA PX4 STORM FULL

MSRP  
**\$575**

#### 01 BERETTA

MODEL: 90-Two

WEBSITE: [www.Beretta90Two.com](http://www.Beretta90Two.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 40 S&W

Capacity: 12+1

Barrel Length: 4.9 inches

Height: 3.5 inches

Length: 8.9 inches

Weight: 2.03 pounds

**Specs:** The 90-Two is the updated 92FS and is lighter weight with a wraparound mono-grip and accessory rail. It features adjustable sights, synthetic grips, and a Brunton finish.

#### 02 BERETTA

MODEL: PX4 Storm Full

WEBSITE: [www.Beretta.com](http://www.Beretta.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 40 S&W

Capacity: 14+1

Barrel Length: 4.0 inches

Length: 7.6 inches

Width: 1.4 inches

Height: 5.5 inches

Weight: 1.75 pounds

**Specs:** The PX4 has a rotating barrel, interchangeable backstraps, and it's designed for defensive work. It also features fixed sights, synthetic grips, a polymer frame and a black finish.

#### 03 CZ

MODEL: CZ 97 B

WEBSITE: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 45 ACP

Capacity: 10+1

Barrel Length: 4.5 inches

Length: 8.3 inches

Width: 1.4 inches

Height: 5.9 inches

Weight: 2.54 pounds

**Specs:** The CZ 97 B features a loaded chamber indicator and is cocked-and-locked capable. This shooter has a steel frame for durability, fixed sights, synthetic grips and a blued finish.

**04 CZ 85 COMBAT  
DUAL TONE**  
MSRP  
**\$664**



**05 CZ P-07 DUTY**  
MSRP  
**\$510**



**06 EAA WITNESS  
STEEL FULL SIZE  
TANFOGLIO**  
MSRP  
**\$607**

**04 CZ**

MODEL: 85 Combat Dual Tone  
WEBSITE: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 16+1  
Barrel Length: 4.61 inches  
Length: 8.11 inches  
Weight: 2.21 pounds

**Specs:** The model 85 is the ambidextrous version of the CZ75 and has a reversible magazine release and improved trigger pull. It sports fixed sights, synthetic grips and an attractive dual tone finish.

**05 CZ**

MODEL: P-07 Duty  
WEBSITE: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 15  
Barrel Length: 3.8 inches  
Length: 7.2 inches  
Width: 1.46 inches  
Height: 5.3 inches  
Weight: 1.7 pounds

**Specs:** A safety/decocker interchangeable with a standard safety makes the P-07 quite functional. It's high-capacity and designed to meet police defensive requirements.

**06 EAA**

MODEL: Witness Steel Full Size Tanfoglio  
WEBSITE: [www.EAACorp.com](http://www.EAACorp.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 15+1  
Barrel Length: 4.5 inches  
Length: 8.1 inches  
Width: 1.4 inches  
Height: 5.5 inches  
Weight: 2.06 pounds

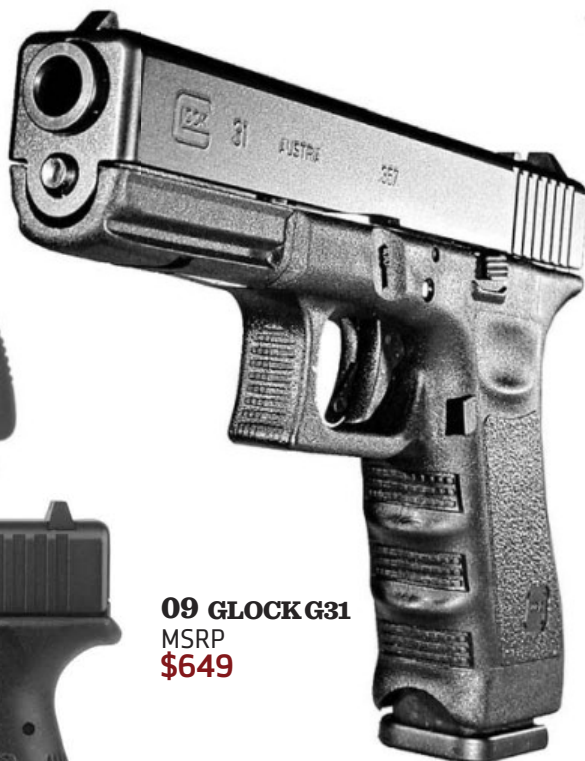
**Specs:** This model has a sleek anti-snag design with DA/SA operation for hammer-down carry. It was once popular in competitions for its high capacity and durability.





### 07 GLOCK G21

MSRP  
**\$649**



### 09 GLOCK G31

MSRP  
**\$649**



### 08 GLOCK G37

MSRP  
**\$562**

#### 07 GLOCK

MODEL: G21

WEBSITE: [www.Glock.com](http://www.Glock.com)

Action: STR

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 13+1

Barrel Length: 4.6 inches

Length: 8 inches

Width: 1.3 inches

Height: 5.5 inches

Weight: 1.87 pounds

**Specs:** The G21 uses a white outline rear sight, has a polymer frame for light weight, and features a combat trigger guard, a double-stack magazine, and a relieved backstrap to fit smaller hands.

#### 08 GLOCK

MODEL: G37

WEBSITE: [www.Glock.com](http://www.Glock.com)

Action: STR

Caliber: .45 GAP

Capacity: 10+1

Barrel Length: 4.5 inches

Length: 8.0 inches

Width: 1.2 inches

Height: 5.5 inches

Weight: 1.63 pounds

**Specs:** The G37 also has a white outline rear sight, a polymer frame for light weight, a combat trigger guard, and a double-stack magazine.

#### 09 GLOCK

MODEL: G31

WEBSITE: [www.Glock.com](http://www.Glock.com)

Action: STR

Caliber: .357 Sig

Capacity: 15+1

Barrel Length: 4.5 inches

Length: 8 inches

Width: 1.2 inches

Height: 5.4 inches

Weight: 1.44 pounds

**The G31, similar to the G21, has a white outline rear sight, polymer frame for light weight, combat trigger guard, and double-stack magazine.**



**10 HECKLER & KOCH  
P2000SK**  
MSRP  
**\$1,049**



**12 SIG SAUER  
P229 EXTREME**  
MSRP  
**\$1,239**



**11 SIG SAUER  
P226 X-FIVE TACTICAL**  
MSRP  
**\$1,696**

#### 10 HECKLER & KOCH

MODEL: P2000SK  
WEBSITE: [www.HK-USA.com](http://www.HK-USA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 10+1  
Barrel Length: 3.26 inches  
Length: 6.4 inches  
Height: 4.55 inches  
Weight: 1.5 pounds  
Specs: Three-dot sights, interchangeable backstraps, an integral accessory rail, and multiple trigger/control types are all features of this P2000SK.

#### 11 SIG SAUER

MODEL: P226 X-Five Tactical  
WEBSITE: [www.SigSauer.com](http://www.SigSauer.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 15+1  
Barrel Length: 5 inches  
Length: 8.8 inches  
Width: 1.6 inches  
Height: 5.7 inches  
Weight: 2.25 pounds  
Specs: This model sports an exciting tactical design with an integral accessory rail, a 5-inch barrel and a thumb safety rather than a decocking lever.

#### 12 SIG SAUER

MODEL: P229 Extreme  
WEBSITE: [www.SigSauer.com](http://www.SigSauer.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 15+1  
Barrel Length: 3.9 inches  
Length: 7.6 inches  
Height: 5.4 inches  
Weight: 2 pounds  
Specs: The P229 Extreme has Siglite night sights, Hogue G-10 grips, a short-reset trigger and accessory rail.





**13 SMITH & WESSON  
M&P40 VTAC**  
MSRP  
**\$779**



**14 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY  
XD TACTICAL 5" .45 ACP**  
MSRP  
**\$554**



**15 SMITH & WESSON  
M&P45**  
MSRP  
**\$599**

#### **13 SMITH & WESSON**

MODEL: M&P40 VTAC

WEBSITE: [www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)

Action: DAO

Caliber: .40 S&W

Capacity: 15+1

Barrel Length: 4.25 inches

Length: 7.63 inches

Weight: 1.52 pounds

**Specs:** The M&P40 has VTac Warrior sights, ambidextrous controls, an integral accessory rail, and multiple color options.

#### **14 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY**

MODEL: XD Tactical 5" .45ACP

WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)

Action: STR

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 13+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 8.3 inches

Height: 5.8 inches

Weight: 32 ounces

**Specs:** This XD model has a grip safety, a trigger safety, outstanding capacity, and a snag-free rear sight.

#### **15 SMITH & WESSON**

MODEL: M&P45

WEBSITE: [www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)

Action: STR

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 10+1

Barrel Length: 4 inches

Length: 7.5 inches

Width: 1.3 inches

Height: 5.5 inches

Weight: 1.73 pounds

**Specs:** The M&P45 has interchangeable backstraps, white dot low-profile tactical sights, and it is designed for duty and defensive carry.



**16 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY XD(M) 3.8\" .45 ACP**  
MSRP  
**\$732**



**17 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY TRP 45 ACP**  
MSRP  
**\$1,600**



**18 TAURUS 1911FS**  
MSRP  
**\$684**

#### 16 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

MODEL: XD(M) 3.8\" .45 ACP  
WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)  
Action: STR  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 9+1  
Barrel Length: 3.8 inches  
Length: 6.9 inches  
Height: 4.55 inches  
Weight: 1.69 pounds  
**Specs:** This XD(M) model has a frame-mounted safety, low-profile combat sights, and a high capacity for size.

#### 17 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

MODEL: TRP 45 ACP  
WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 9+1  
Barrel Length: 5.0 inches  
Length: 8.6 inches  
Height: 5.7 inches  
Weight: 47.2 oz  
**Specs:** The TRP (Tactical Response Pistol) has a steel frame and slide, low profile three dot tritium sights, and synthetic grips.

#### 18 TAURUS

MODEL: 1911FS  
WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 5.0 inches  
Length: 8.5 inches  
Width: 1.5 inches  
Height: 5.45 inches  
Weight: 38 ounces  
**Specs:** This pistol is fitted with genuine Novak sights, a lightened aluminum trigger, and is chambered for the .45 ACP. It also features the TSS, or Taurus Security System which provides a secure way to keep your firearm in a ready to go posture, while still being able keep the pistol from being used by anyone else.





**19 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY  
RANGE OFFICER**  
MSRP  
**\$1,700**



**20 KIMBER ECLIPSE CUSTOM II**  
MSRP  
**\$1,289**

## 19 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

MODEL: Range Officer

WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 45 ACP

Capacity: 9+1

Barrel Length: 5.0 inches

Length: 8.6 inches

Height: 5.7 inches

Weight: 40.0 oz

**Specs:** The Range Officer has a fully supported Match grade barrel, fully adjustable sights, wood grips, a steel frame and slide, and a Parkerized finish.

## 20 KIMBER

MODEL: Eclipse Custom II

WEBSITE: [www.KimberAmerica.com](http://www.KimberAmerica.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 45 ACP or 10mm Auto

Capacity: 8+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 7.7 inches

Width: 1.3 inches

Height: 5.25 inches

Weight: 28 ounces

**Specs:** This Eclipse has a stainless steel frame and slide and a 1911 design. The full-sized pistol features three dot tritium night sights, a match grade barrel, and double diamond laminated grips.



**21 GRAND POWER  
K100 MK7**  
MSRP  
**\$665**



**22 HECKLER & KOCH  
P2000SK**  
MSRP  
**\$1,049**

#### 21 GRAND POWER

MODEL: K100 MK7  
WEBSITE: [www.GrandPower.eu](http://www.GrandPower.eu)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 15+1  
Barrel Length: 4.25 inches  
Length: 7.97 inches  
Weight: 1.81 pounds  
Specs: The K100 MK7 features interchangeable backstraps, ambidextrous controls, an integral accessory rail, and a three dot sight.

#### 22 HECKLER & KOCH

MODEL: P2000SK  
WEBSITE: [www.HK-USA.com](http://www.HK-USA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 10+1  
Barrel Length: 3.26 inches  
Length: 6.4 inches  
Height: 4.55 inches  
Weight: 1.5 pounds  
Specs: This P2000SK sports three-dot sights, interchangeable backstraps, an integral accessory rail, and multiple trigger/control types.

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## THE 1911: ALWAYS A TOP CHOICE

**T**he 1911 has been hailed as one of the finest handguns ever designed, and for good reason. No other handgun is suited for so many applications, such as tactical use, competitive shooting sports and self-defense. The huge aftermarket cottage industry dedicated to the parts and accessories alone is a testament to the popularity and adaptability of

the pistol's design.

The 1911 pistol is accurate, powerful and fairly easy for even inexperienced handgunners to manipulate. The enduring design is ideal for modification, which means we have a great list to showcase for you this year. Look around this year's guide of the venerable old warhorse for one that suits your unique needs.



**01 AMERICAN CLASSIC  
OFFICER'S MODEL**

MSRP  
**\$684**



**03 AMERICAN CLASSIC  
CLASSIC COMMANDER**

MSRP  
**\$600**



**02 CITADEL  
M-1911 A1 COMPACT**

MSRP  
**\$639**

**01 AMERICAN CLASSIC**

MODEL: OFFICER'S MODEL

WEBSITE: [www.AmericanClassic1911.com](http://www.AmericanClassic1911.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 45 ACP

Capacity: 7+1

Barrel Length: 3.5 inches

Length: 7.25 inches

Weight: 32.45 ounces

**Specs:** The Officer's Model features a Novak-style rear combat sight in a super-compact officer-size design, and a lowered and flared ejection port.

**02 CITADEL**

MODEL: M-1911 A1 COMPACT

WEBSITE: [www.LegacySports.com](http://www.LegacySports.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 45 ACP

Capacity: 7+1

Barrel Length: 3.5 inches

Length: 7.5 inches

Weight: 34 ounces

**Specs:** Citadel manufactured this 1911 with Hogue grips, skeletonized trigger and hammer, and an ambidextrous safety.

**03 AMERICAN CLASSIC**

MODEL: CLASSIC COMMANDER

WEBSITE: [www.AmericanClassic1911.com](http://www.AmericanClassic1911.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 45 ACP

Capacity: 7+1

Barrel Length: 4.25 inches

Length: 7.5 inches

Width: 1.25 inches

Height: 5.5 inches

Weight: 35 ounces

**Specs:** An extended beavertail grip safety, skeletonized trigger and hammer, and custom features are standard in the Classic Commander.





**04 ARMSCOR  
M1911A1 TACTICAL**  
MSRP  
**\$460**



**06 COLT  
DEFENDER SERIES**  
MSRP  
**\$885**



**05 COLT  
XSE SERIES**  
MSRP  
**\$1,104**

#### 04 ARMSCOR

MODEL: M1911A1 TACTICAL  
WEBSITE: [www.ArmscorUSA.com](http://www.ArmscorUSA.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 8+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 8.56 ounces

Weight: 45.92 ounces

**Specs:** This tactical pistol features three-dot low profile night sights, an integral accessory rail, and an ambidextrous safety.

#### 05 COLT

MODEL: XSE SERIES

WEBSITE: [www.Colt.com](http://www.Colt.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 8+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 8.5 inches

Weight: 2.25 pounds

**Specs:** Colt's original Government Model is enhanced with an ambidextrous-thumb safety, beavertail grip safety and aluminum trigger with Novak low-mount sights.

#### 06 COLT

MODEL: DEFENDER SERIES

WEBSITE: [www.Colt.com](http://www.Colt.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 8+1

Barrel Length: 3 inches

Length: 6.75 inches

Weight: 1.5 pounds

**Specs:** This pistol is Colt's Officer's Model with Novak low-mount sights, beavertail grip safety, a three-hole trigger and wraparound grips.



**07 KIMBER  
CUSTOM II**  
MSRP  
**\$871**



**08 KIMBER  
TACTICAL ENTRY II**  
MSRP  
**\$1,490**



**09 RUGER  
SR1911**  
MSRP  
**\$829**

#### **07 KIMBER**

MODEL: CUSTOM II  
WEBSITE: [www.KimberAmerica.com](http://www.KimberAmerica.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 5 inches  
Length: 8.7 inches  
Height: 5.25 inches  
Weight: 2.38 pounds  
Specs: Kimber's Custom II is an all-around carry/defensive pistol with a two-tone finish, brushed polished carbon steel slide, stainless steel frame, fixed low-profile sight and an ambidextrous safety.

#### **08 KIMBER**

MODEL: TACTICAL ENTRY II  
WEBSITE: [www.KimberAmerica.com](http://www.KimberAmerica.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 7+1  
Barrel Length: 5 inches  
Length: 8.7 inches  
Height: 5.5 inches  
Weight: 2.5 pounds  
Specs: An integral accessory rail, three-dot tritium night sight, oversized mag well, front strap checkered, and ambidextrous thumb safety are featured on the Tactical Entry II.

#### **09 RUGER**

MODEL: SR1911  
WEBSITE: [www.Ruger.com](http://www.Ruger.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 5 inches  
Length: 8.67 inches  
Width: 1.34 inches  
Height: 5.45 inches  
Weight: 2.44 pounds  
Specs: Ruger's SR1911 features a stainless steel slide and frame, Novak low-mount sights, and a beavertail grip safety.



**10 SIG SAUER  
1911 TACTICAL  
OPERATIONS**  
MSRP  
**\$1,213**



**12 SIG SAUER  
1911 TRADITIONAL RTSS**  
MSRP  
**\$949**



**11 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY  
RANGE OFFICER MODEL**  
MSRP  
**\$939**

#### 10 SIG SAUER

MODEL: 1911 TACTICAL OPERATIONS

WEBSITE: [www.SigSauer.com](http://www.SigSauer.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 45 ACP

Capacity: 8+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 8.5 inches

Width: 1.4 inches

Height: 5.5 inches

Weight: 2.6 pounds

**Specs:** This tactical Sig has a checkered front strap, ambidextrous thumb safety, integral accessory rail, and low-profile night sights.

#### 11 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

MODEL: RANGE OFFICER MODEL

WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 45 ACP

Capacity: 8+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 8.6 inches

Height: 5.5 inches

Weight: 2.5 pounds

**Specs:** Fully adjustable sights, 5-inch match-grade barrel, aluminum three-hole trigger, beavertail safety, 5-pound trigger — all in the Range Office Model.

#### 12 SIG SAUER

MODEL: 1911 TRADITIONAL RTSS

WEBSITE: [www.SigSauer.com](http://www.SigSauer.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 45 ACP

Capacity: 8+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 8.7 inches

Width: 1.4 inches

Height: 5.5 inches

Weight: 42 ounces

**Specs:** This attractively styled 1911 by Sig Sauer features Trijicon adjustable night sights and extended ergonomic controls.





**13 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY  
CHAMPION**

MSRP  
**\$960**



**15 STI  
OFF DUTY**

MSRP  
**\$1,243**



**14 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY  
EMP**

MSRP  
**\$1,345**

**13 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY**

MODEL: CHAMPION  
OPERATOR LIGHTWEIGHT 45 ACP  
WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Length: 7.6 inches  
Height: 5.5 inches  
Weight: 1.94 pounds

**Specs:** This pistol has a Commander-length barrel, a full-size magazine, a fully supported ramped bull barrel, and an integral accessory rail. It also includes a beavertail safety and Novak low-mount three-dot tritium sights.

**14 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY**

MODEL: EMP  
WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 9+1  
Barrel Length: 3 inches  
Length: 6.6 inches  
Width: 1.3 inches  
Height: 4.8 inches  
Weight: 28 ounces

**Specs:** The EMP has diamond-pattern cocobolo grips and tritium night sights. It holds a large ammo capacity for its type (9+1).

**15 STI**

MODEL: OFF DUTY  
WEBSITE: [www.STIGuns.com](http://www.STIGuns.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 3.24 inches  
Length: 7 inches  
Weight: 30.4 ounces

**Specs:** The Off Duty model uses 3-dot adjustable combat sights, checkered cocobolo grip panels, and a ramped bull barrel.



**16 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY  
TRP**  
MSRP  
**\$1,646**



**18 WILSON COMBAT  
ULTRALIGHT**  
MSRP  
**\$3,650**



**17 DAN WESSON  
GUARDIAN**  
MSRP  
**\$1,619**

#### 16 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

MODEL: TRP  
WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)  
MSRP: \$1,646  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 7+1  
Barrel Length: 5 inches  
Length: 8.6 inches  
Height: 5.7 inches  
Weight: 42 ounces  
Specs: The TRP (Tactical Response Pistol) has 20 LPI Checkering on the frontstrap and an integral accessory rail.

#### 17 DAN WESSON

MODEL: GUARDIAN  
WEBSITE: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 9+1  
Barrel Length: 4.3 inches  
Length: 8 inches  
Width: 1.5 inches  
Height: 5.5 inches  
Weight: 29 ounces  
Specs: The Guardian has a Bobtail design for concealment, and an alloy frame to save weight. It's a remarkable 9mm Luger caliber in a 1911 frame.

#### 18 WILSON COMBAT

MODEL: ULTRALIGHT  
CARRY COMPACT  
WEBSITE: [www.WilsonCombat.com](http://www.WilsonCombat.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 7+1  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Length: 7.6 inches  
Width: 1.3 inches  
Height: 4.9 inches  
Weight: 26.5 ounces  
Specs: This ultra-light features combat-style sights, a fiber optic front sight insert, and an "Armor Tuff" finish.



**19 LES BAER CUSTOM  
CONCEPT VII**  
MSRP  
**\$1,920**



**20 LES BAER CUSTOM  
STINGER SS**  
MSRP  
**\$1,990**

#### **19 LES BAER CUSTOM**

MODEL: CONCEPT VII  
WEBSITE: [www.LesBaer.com](http://www.LesBaer.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 4.25 inches  
Length: 7.75 inches

**Specs:** The Concept VII by Les Baer Custom features combat-style Tritium-illuminated night sights, an LBC speed trigger, and a throated barrel. It's guaranteed to shoot 3-inch groups at 50 yards.

#### **20 LES BAER CUSTOM**

MODEL: STINGER SS  
WEBSITE: [www.LesBaer.com](http://www.LesBaer.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 7+1  
Barrel Length: 4.25 inches  
Length: 7.75 inches

**Specs:** The Stinger SS has a 4-pound skeletonized speed trigger, a lowered and flared ejection port, and rounded edges for a snag-free concealed carry.





**21 STI  
TACTICAL**  
MSRP  
**\$2,045**

**22 STI  
LAWMAN 5.0**  
MSRP  
**\$1,433**

#### 21 STI

MODEL: TACTICAL  
WEBSITE: [www.STIGuns.com](http://www.STIGuns.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 11+1  
Barrel Length: 5 inches  
Length: 8.5 inches  
Width: 1.5 inches  
Weight: 34 ounces

**Specs:** Front and rear slide serrations, custom sights, and a double stack mag for high capacity ammo make the Tactical a handy weapon.

#### 22 STI

MODEL: LAWMAN 5.0  
WEBSITE: [www.STIGuns.com](http://www.STIGuns.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 5.11 inches  
Length: 8.5 inches  
Weight: 38.9 ounces

**Specs:** The Lawman 5.0 features a match-grade barrel and bushing, a custom beavertail grip safety, and tactical adjustable sights. **GWBG**



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Remember, unlike a fixed target, you may only get one chance to hit your mark.



### 01 SMITH & WESSON 460XVR

MSRP  
**\$1,559**

WEBSITE: [www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: .460 S&W Magnum

Capacity: 5

Barrel Length: 14 inches

Length: 21.5 inches

Weight: 5.5 pounds

The 460XVR has the highest muzzle velocity of any production revolver on earth. Its barrel is a full 14-inches long — fluted with a muzzle brake and S&W Performance Center tuned action. It comes with a folding adjustable bipod.



### 02 BROWNING BUCK MARK HUNTER

MSRP  
**\$500**

WEBSITE: [www.Browning.com](http://www.Browning.com)

Caliber: .22 LR

Barrel Length: 7.25 inches

Action: SA

Capacity: 10+1

Length: 11.5 inches

Weight: 38 ounces

The Buck Mark Hunter sports a heavy tapered bull barrel, an adjustable rear sight, a fiber optic front sight, and an integral scope base. It comes with an alloy frame, a matte black finish and cocobola target wood grips.





**03 RUGER SUPER BLACKHAWK  
HUNTER**

MSRP  
**\$500**



**05 SMITH & WESSON  
647-17 HMR VARMINTER**

MSRP  
**\$1,419**



**04 TAURUS  
RAGING BULL .44 MAGNUM**

MSRP  
**\$800**

**03 RUGER**

MODEL: Super Blackhawk - Hunter

WEBSITE: [www.Ruger.com](http://www.Ruger.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .44 Magnum

Capacity: 6

Barrel Length: 7.5 inches

Length: 13.4 inches

Weight: 52 ounces

An adjustable rear sight, integral optics mount, a transfer bar for safety, the stainless steel construction, a ramp front sight and laminated grips make the Hunter a standout.

**04 TAURUS**

MODEL: Raging Bull .44 Magnum

WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: .44 Magnum/.454 Casull

Capacity: 6

Barrel Length: 8 3/8 inches

Weight: 63 ounces

This Taurus model has tuned porting with an expansion chamber, a double-locking cylinder, and a ventilated rib barrel that accepts hunting optics. It has a stainless steel construction with synthetic grips and cushioned inserts.

**05 SMITH & WESSON**

MODEL: 647 - .17 HMR Varminter

WEBSITE: [www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: .17 HMR

Capacity: 6

Barrel Length: 12 inches

Length: 17 inches

Weight: 54 ounces

The Varminter includes a bipod and either a red or green dot optical sight. It's designed for small game or varmint hunting. It features stainless steel construction, wood grips and a 12-inch fluted barrel. **GWBG**

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TYPICAL CHEMISTRY: C 1.05, Mn .50, Si .30, Cr 14.00, Mo 4.00.

THICK	WIDTH	MILL FINISH	BLANCHARD	PRECISION
1/8"	1 1/2"	AF218 \$26.95	AU218 \$32.95	AG618 \$38.95
1/8"	2"	AF228 \$34.95	AU228 \$42.95	AG628 \$50.95
5/32"	1 1/2"	AF318 \$28.95	AU318 \$34.95	AG718 \$40.95
5/32"	2"	AF328 \$39.95	AU328 \$47.95	AG728 \$55.95
3/16"	1 1/2"	AF418 \$35.95	AU418 \$41.95	AG818 \$47.95
3/16"	2"	AF428 \$45.95	AU428 \$53.95	AG828 \$61.95

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THICK	WIDTH	MILL FINISH	BLANCHARD	PRECISION
1/8"	1 1/2"	HF218 \$33.95	HU218 \$39.95	HG218 \$45.95
1/8"	2"	HF228 \$39.95	HU228 \$47.95	HG228 \$56.95
5/32"	1 1/2"	HF318 \$43.95	HU318 \$49.95	HG318 \$55.95
5/32"	2"	HF418 \$58.95	HU418 \$66.95	HG418 \$74.95
3/16"	1 1/2"	HF508 \$51.95	HU508 \$57.95	HG508 \$63.95
3/16"	2"	HF518 \$69.95	HU518 \$77.95	HG518 \$85.95

### CPM154 18"

TYPICAL CHEMISTRY: C 1.05, Mn .50, Si .30, Cr 14.00, Mo 4.00.

THICK	WIDTH	MILL FINISH	BLANCHARD	PRECISION
1/8"	1 1/2"	PF218 \$30.95	DU218 \$36.95	PG718 \$42.95
1/8"	2"	PF228 \$39.95	DU228 \$47.95	PG728 \$55.95
5/32"	1 1/2"	PF318 \$39.95	DU318 \$45.95	PG818 \$51.95
5/32"	2"	PF328 \$52.95	DU328 \$60.95	PG828 \$68.95
3/16"	1 1/2"	PF418 \$46.95	DU418 \$52.95	PG918 \$58.95
3/16"	2"	PF428 \$60.95	DU428 \$68.95	PG928 \$76.95

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THICK	WIDTH	MILL FINISH	BLANCHARD	PRECISION
1/8"	1 1/2"	OF218 \$30.95	OU218 \$36.95	OG218 \$42.95
1/8"	2"	OF228 \$39.95	OU228 \$47.95	OG228 \$55.95
5/32"	1 1/2"	OF318 \$39.95	OU318 \$45.95	OG318 \$51.95
5/32"	2"	OF328 \$52.95	OU328 \$60.95	OG328 \$68.95
3/16"	1 1/2"	OF348 \$99.95	OU348 \$125.95	OG348 \$131.95

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### 440C 18"

TYPICAL CHEMISTRY: C 1.00, Mn .45, Si .30, Cr 17.00, Mo .50.

THICK	WIDTH	MILL FINISH	BLANCHARD	PRECISION
1/8"	1 1/2"	CF518 \$19.95	CU518 \$25.95	CG718 \$31.95
1/8"	2"	CF558 \$24.95	CU558 \$32.95	CG758 \$40.95
5/32"	1 1/2"	CF618 \$22.95	CU618 \$28.95	CG818 \$34.95
5/32"	2"	CF658 \$30.95	CU658 \$38.95	CG858 \$46.95
3/16"	1 1/2"	CF718 \$26.95	CU718 \$32.95	CG918 \$38.95
3/16"	2"	CF758 \$34.95	CU758 \$42.95	CG958 \$48.95
1/4"	2"	CF958 \$44.95	CU958 \$52.95	CG1058 \$60.95

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### 1/2 18"

TYPICAL CHEMISTRY: C 1.50, Mn .40, Si .40, Cr 12.00, V .95, Mo .90.

THICK	WIDTH	MILL FINISH	BLANCHARD	PRECISION
1/8"	1 1/2"	YF318 \$18.95	XD318 \$22.95	XD0815 \$30.95
1/8"	2"	YF328 \$24.95	XD328 \$29.95	XD0820 \$39.95
5/32"	1 1/2"	YF518 \$21.95	XD518 \$25.95	XD1015 \$29.95
5/32"	2"	YF528 \$29.95	XD528 \$34.95	XD1020 \$41.95
3/16"	1 1/2"	YF718 \$26.95	XD718 \$30.95	XD1215 \$38.95
3/16"	2"	YF728 \$34.95	XD728 \$39.95	XD1220 \$50.95
1/4"	2"	YF818 \$41.95	XD818 \$46.95	XD1620 \$57.95

### CPMS 30V 18"

TYPICAL CHEMISTRY: C 1.45, Mn .40, Si .40, Cr 14.00, Mo 2.00, V 4.00.

THICK	WIDTH	MILL FINISH	BLANCHARD	PRECISION
1/8"	1 1/2"	LF218 \$32.95	LU218 \$38.95	LG718 \$44.95
1/8"	2"	LF228 \$42.95	LU228 \$50.95	LG728 \$58.95
5/32"	1 1/2"	LF318 \$40.95	LU318 \$46.95	LG818 \$52.95
5/32"	2"	LF328 \$56.95	LU328 \$64.95	LG828 \$72.95
3/16"	1 1/2"	LF418 \$51.95	LU418 \$57.95	LG918 \$63.95
3/16"	2"	LF428 \$65.95	LU428 \$73.95	LG928 \$81.95

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### CPM REX M4 18"

TYPICAL CHEMISTRY: C 1.42, Mn .30, Si .06, Cr 4.00, Mo 5.25, V 4.00, W 5.5.

THICK	WIDTH	MILL FINISH	BLANCHARD	PRECISION
3/16"	1 1/2"	JF418 \$40.95		
3/16"	2"	JF428 \$52.95		
3/16"	4"	JF448 \$99.95		
1/4"	1 1/2"	JF518 \$52.95		
1/4"	2"	JF528 \$70.95		
1/4"	4"	JF548 \$134.95		

### CPM D2 18"

TYPICAL CHEMISTRY: C 1.50, Mn .40, Si .40, Cr 12.00, Mo .90, V .95.

THICK	WIDTH	MILL FINISH	BLANCHARD	PRECISION
1/8"	1 1/2"	ZF218 \$26.95	ZU218 \$32.95	ZG218 \$38.95
1/8"	2"	ZF228 \$34.95	ZU228 \$42.95	ZG228 \$50.95
5/32"	1 1/2"	ZF318 \$28.95	ZU318 \$34.95	ZG318 \$40.95
5/32"	2"	ZF328 \$39.95	ZU328 \$47.95	ZG328 \$55.95
3/16"	1 1/2"	ZF418 \$35.95	ZU418 \$41.95	ZG418 \$47.95
3/16"	2"	ZF428 \$45.95	ZU428 \$53.95	ZG428 \$61.95

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3/16"	1 1/2"	VF718 \$43.95	VU718 \$49.95	VG718 \$55.95
3/16"	2"	VF728 \$57.95	VU728 \$63.95	VG728 \$69.95
3/16"	4"	VF748 \$113.95	VU748 \$129.95	VG748 \$145.95
1/4"	1 1/2"	VF918 \$55.95	VU918 \$61.95	VG918 \$67.95
1/4"	2"	VF928 \$73.95	VU928 \$81.95	VG928 \$89.95
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CAT.#	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
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NC772	2 lb. Hammer	49.95
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### Heat Treating Foil

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CAT.#	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
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CAT.#	SIZE	GRIT	PRICE
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Finally, they can also pack a powerful punch.

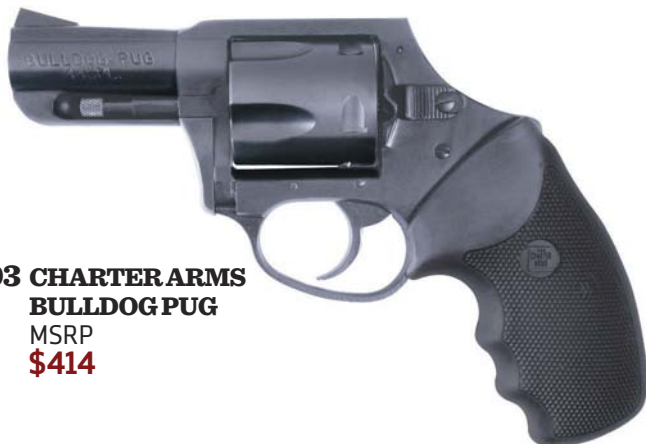
In the following section, we have covered everything from the small-framed revolvers to full-sized guns. You're about to find out why their popularity has blown past 170 years.



**01 CHARTER ARMS  
PINK LADY OFF DUTY**  
MSRP  
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**02 EAA  
WINDICATOR 2 INCH**  
MSRP  
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**03 CHARTER ARMS  
BULLDOG PUG**  
MSRP  
**\$414**



**04 CHARTER ARMS  
MAG PUG STANDARD**  
MSRP  
**\$400**

#### **01 CHARTER ARMS**

MODEL: Pink Lady Off Duty

WEBSITE:

[www.CharterFirearms.com](http://www.CharterFirearms.com)

Action: DAO

Caliber: .38 Special

Capacity: 5

Barrel Length: 2 inches

Weight: 12 ounces

The Pink Lady features a bright pink cast-aluminum frame. It's extremely light-weight and boasts very simple operation.

#### **02 EAA**

MODEL: Windicator 2 Inch

WEBSITE:

[www.EAACorp.com](http://www.EAACorp.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: .357 Magnum

Capacity: 6

Barrel Length: 2 inches

Length: 7 inches

Weight: 30 ounces

The Windicator 2 inch, which is made in Germany, features sculpted and cushioned grips and a prominent hammer spur.

#### **03 CHARTER ARMS**

MODEL: Bulldog Pug

WEBSITE:

[www.CharterFirearms.com](http://www.CharterFirearms.com)

Action: DAO

Caliber: .44 Special

Capacity: 5

Barrel Length: 2.5 inches

Weight: 21 ounces

A bobbed hammer and snag-free receiver design beef up this seriously defensive caliber.

#### **04 CHARTER ARMS**

MODEL: Mag Pug Standard

WEBSITE:

[www.CharterFirearms.com](http://www.CharterFirearms.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: .357 Magnum

Capacity: 5

Barrel Length: 2.2 inches

Weight: 23 ounces

Rubber grips, an easily concealable design and a smooth trigger make this a standout revolver.



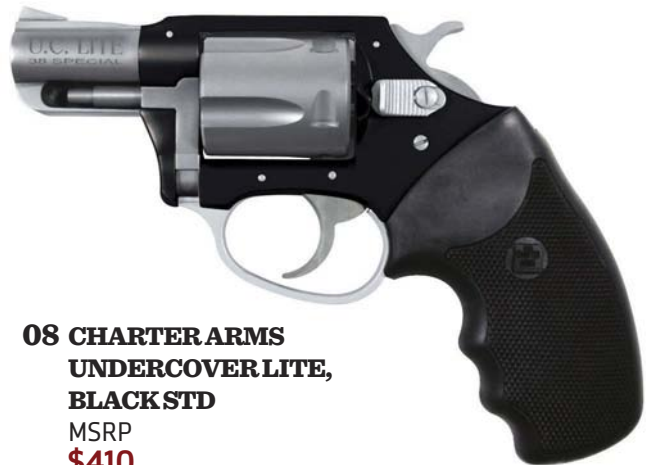
**05 ROSSI 462**  
MSRP  
**\$454**



**06 TAURUS 850B2UL**  
MSRP  
**\$474**



**07 CHARTER ARMS  
SOUTHPAW**  
MSRP  
**\$415**



**08 CHARTER ARMS  
UNDERCOVER LITE,  
BLACK STD**  
MSRP  
**\$410**

#### 05 ROSSI

MODEL: 462  
WEBSITE:  
[www.RossiUSA.com](http://www.RossiUSA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .357 Magnum  
Capacity: 6  
Barrel Length: 2 inches  
Weight: 26 ounces  
**This model has low profile fixed sights, scalloped grips, and solid firepower.**

#### 06 TAURUS

MODEL: 850B2UL  
WEBSITE:  
[www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .38 Special +P  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 2 inches  
Length: 6.5 inches  
Height: 4.3 inches  
Weight: 18 ounces  
**Taurus produced this revolver with a concealed no-snap hammer, rubber grips, and an ultra-light-weight frame.**

#### 07 CHARTER ARMS

MODEL: Southpaw  
WEBSITE:  
[www.CharterFirearms.com](http://www.CharterFirearms.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .38 Special +P  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 2 inches  
Weight: 12 ounces  
**The Southpaw is a dedicated left-hand model with an aluminum frame for light weight. It's available in two-tone pink finish in the Pink Lady model.**

#### 08 CHARTER ARMS

MODEL: Undercover Lite, Black Std  
WEBSITE:  
[www.CharterFirearms.com](http://www.CharterFirearms.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .38 Special +P  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 2 inches  
Weight: 12 ounces  
**The Undercover Lite comes with an aluminum frame with steel, a spurred hammer and integral sights.**





**09 COBRA SHADOW  
WITH LASER**  
MSRP  
**\$425**



**10 SMITH & WESSON  
60 LS LADYSMITH**  
MSRP  
**\$759**



**11 RUGER GP100**  
MSRP  
**\$759**



**12 TAURUS  
4510PLYFS**  
MSRP  
**\$514**

#### **09 COBRA**

MODEL: Shadow With Laser  
WEBSITE: [www.CobraPistols.net](http://www.CobraPistols.net)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .38 Special +P  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 1.9 inches  
Length: 6.4 inches  
Weight: 15 ounces  
The fully enclosed hammer design makes the Shadow streamlined. It comes in a wide range of custom colors with integral sights.

#### **10 SMITH AND WESSON**

MODEL: 60 LS LadySmith  
WEBSITE: [www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .357 Magnum/.38 Special +P  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 2.1 inches  
Length: 6.6 inches  
Weight: 1.31 pounds  
The 60 LS has attractive walnut full-finger grips, it fits easily in a purse or discreet holster, and it sports integral sights

#### **11 RUGER**

MODEL: GP100  
WEBSITE: [www.Ruger.com](http://www.Ruger.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .327 Magnum  
Capacity: 7  
Barrel Length: 4.2 inches  
Length: 9.5 inches  
Weight: 40 ounces  
The GP100 features adjustable sights, a palm swell grip, and an extra shot by virtue of unique chambering.

#### **12 TAURUS**

MODEL: 4510PLYFS  
WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .45 Colt/.410 Shotshell  
Chambering  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 2 inches  
Length 7.65 inches  
Weight: 27 ounces  
Rubber Grips, extended ejector rod, and fiber optic front sight are all featured in this model.



**13 SMITH & WESSON  
GOVERNOR**  
MSRP  
**\$869**



**14 SMITH & WESSON  
BODYGUARD 38**  
MSRP  
**\$509**



**15 SMITH & WESSON 351PD**  
MSRP  
**\$689**



**16 TAURUS 850SS2UL**  
MSRP  
**\$514**

#### 13 SMITH & WESSON

MODEL: Governor  
WEBSITE:  
[www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .45 Colt/.410 Shotshell  
Capacity: 6  
Barrel Length: 2.75 inches  
Length: 8.5 inches  
Width: 1.75 inches  
Height: 5.5 inches  
Weight: 1.88 pounds  
The Governor accepts .410 shotshells, .45 Colt and .45 ACP, and features integral sights and a rifled barrel.

#### 14 SMITH & WESSON

MODEL: Bodyguard 38  
WEBSITE:  
[www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .38 Special  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 1.9 inches  
Length: 6.6 inches  
Weight: 14.3 ounces  
This revolver has a hammerless design, laser front sight and integral metallic rear sights.

#### 15 SMITH AND WESSON

MODEL: 351PD  
WEBSITE:  
[www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .22 Magnum  
Capacity: 7  
Barrel Length: 1.9 inches  
Length: 6.2 inches  
Weight: 11 ounces  
The 351PD includes a hammerless design, and while it has a high capacity for size, it's suitable for the recoil-sensitive.

#### 16 TAURUS

MODEL: 850SS2UL  
WEBSITE:  
[www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .38 Special +P  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 2 inches  
Length: 6.5 inches  
Height: 4.3 inches  
Weight: 18 ounces  
This very light revolver features a concealed hammer which makes it snag-free and it has rubber grips.



**17 RUGER LCR WITH  
CRIMSON TRACE  
LASERGRIPS**  
MSRP  
**\$899**



**18 RUGER SP101**  
MSRP  
**\$719**



**19 COMANCHE II-A**  
MSRP  
**\$205**



**20 TAURUS 44SS4**  
MSRP  
**\$727**

#### **17 RUGER**

MODEL: LCR With Crimson Trace LaserGrips  
WEBSITE: [www.Ruger.co](http://www.Ruger.co)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .357 Magnum  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 1.9 inches  
Length: 6.5 inches  
Width: 1.3 inches  
Height: 4.5 inches  
Weight: 16.6 ounces  
The LCR with Crimson Trace LaserGrips comes in a hammerless design and features some polymer components.

#### **18 RUGER**

MODEL: SP101  
WEBSITE: [www.Ruger.com](http://www.Ruger.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .357 Magnum  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 4.2 inches  
Length: 9.12 inches  
Weight: 1.84 pounds  
The SP101 with adjustable rear sites and fiber optic front sight has a 4.2-inch barrel. It also comes in a 3-inch barrel model.

#### **19 COMANCHE**

MODEL: Comanche II-A  
WEBSITE: [www.ComanchePistols.com](http://www.ComanchePistols.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .38 Special  
Capacity: 6  
Barrel Length: 6  
Length: 8 inches  
Weight: 33 ounces  
The Comanche II-A grips are made up of hardwood, lasered hardwood and Hogue synthetic Monogrips. Sights feature an adjustable rear sight and a red ramp front sight, and the pistol comes in a stainless steel finish.

#### **20 TAURUS**

MODEL: 44SS4  
WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .44 Magnum  
Capacity: 6  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Weight: 45 ounces  
The 44SS4 innovations include barrel porting for shooting comfort, the model also offers the Taurus Security System and a Transfer bar.





**21 TAURUS 608**  
MSRP  
**\$688**



**22 TAURUS RAGING 44 MAGNUM  
ULTRA-LITE**  
MSRP  
**\$810**



**23 SMITH & WESSON M 625 JM**  
MSRP  
**\$979**



**24 SMITH & WESSON  
325 THUNDER RANCH**  
MSRP  
**\$1,329**

#### **21 TAURUS**

MODEL: 608  
WEBSITE:  
[www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .357 Magnum  
Capacity: 6  
Barrel Length: 6.5 inches  
Length: 11.6 inches  
Weight: 52 ounces  
Adjustable rear sight, and chambered in .357 Magnum, this revolver also features the Taurus Security System, which provides an instant-ready system to secure the pistol.

#### **22 TAURUS**

MODEL: Raging 44 Magnum Ultra-Lite  
WEBSITE:  
[www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .44 Magnum  
Capacity: 6  
Barrel Length: 2.4 inches  
Weight: 27 ounces  
Adjustable sights, and chambered in .44 Magnum, this revolver also features Taurus Security System, which provides an instant-ready system to secure the pistol. It sports a Titanium Blue finish and a fiber optic front sight.

#### **23 SMITH & WESSON**

MODEL: M 625 JM  
WEBSITE:  
[www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 6  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Length: 9.4 inches  
Weight: 40 ounces  
The M 625 JM features an adjustable rear sight, gold bead "Patridge" front sight, custom wooden grips, tuned action, and a large exposed hammer.

#### **24 SMITH & WESSON**

MODEL: 325 Thunder Ranch  
WEBSITE:  
[www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 6  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Length: 9.4 inches  
Weight: 40 ounces  
This revolver has an adjustable rear sight, gold bead "Patridge" front sight, Scandium frame, stainless steel barrel and cylinder. It also has Performance Center tuned action with a trigger stop.



**25 CHIAPPA RHINO 40DS**

MSRP  
**\$775**



**26 CHARTER ARMS  
BULLDOG 44  
STAINLESS STANDARD**

MSRP  
**\$455**



**27 CHARTER ARMS BULLDOG 44  
SPECIAL TIGER**

MSRP  
**\$466**



**28 CHARTER ARMS  
BULLDOG 44 SPECIAL DAO**

MSRP  
**\$510**

**25 CHIAPPA**

MODEL: RHINO 40DS  
WEBSITE:  
[www.ChiappaFirearms.com](http://www.ChiappaFirearms.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .357 Magnum  
Capacity: 6  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Length: 8.5 inches  
Weight: 30 ounces

The Rhino 40DS fires from bottom cylinder, boasts a concealed hammer, and has an extremely low bore axis.

**26 CHARTER ARMS**

MODEL: Bulldog 44 Stainless Standard  
WEBSITE:  
[www.CharterFirearms.com](http://www.CharterFirearms.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .44 Special  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Weight: 32 ounces

The 4-inch barrel stainless steel target model is fitted with adjustable sights and a longer barrel for higher velocities.

**27 CHARTER ARMS**

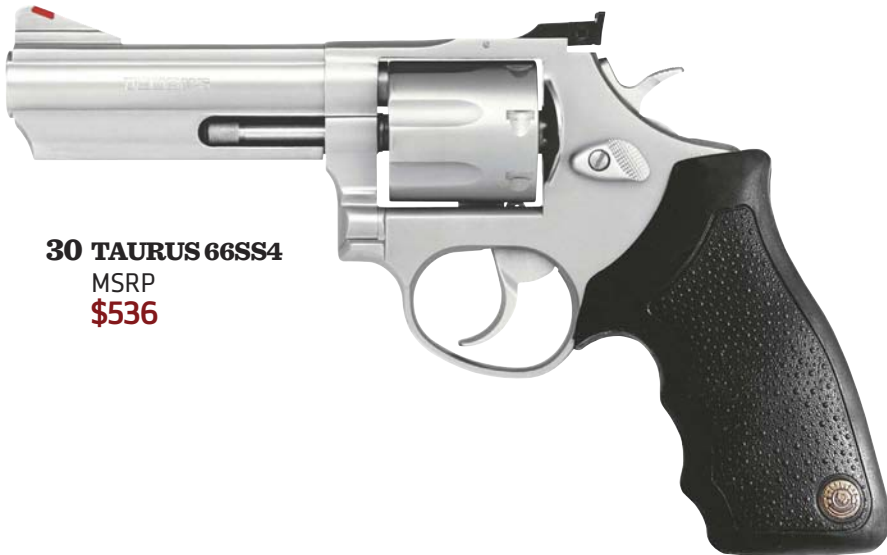
MODEL: Bulldog 44 Special Tiger  
WEBSITE:  
[www.CharterFirearms.com](http://www.CharterFirearms.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .44 Special  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Weight: 32 ounces  
This stainless steel edition of the .44 Bulldog is coated with a tiger striped finish that is extremely durable. This 4-inch barreled model is fitted with adjustable sights.

**28 CHARTER ARMS**

MODEL: Bulldog 44 Special DAO  
WEBSITE:  
[www.CharterFirearms.com](http://www.CharterFirearms.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .44 Special  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Weight: 32 ounces  
This stainless steel edition of the .44 Bulldog is double action only and it eliminates the hammer spur for additional concealability.



**29 ROSSI 98104**  
MSRP  
**\$408**



**30 TAURUS 66SS4**  
MSRP  
**\$536**

#### 28 ROSSI

MODEL: 98104  
WEBSITE: [www.RossiUSA.com](http://www.RossiUSA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .22 LR  
Capacity: 8  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Length: 8.5 inches  
Weight: 29 ounces

This model has a ventilated rib atop the barrel, adjustable sights, and supremely comfortable grips.

#### 30 TAURUS

MODEL: 66SS4  
WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .357 Magnum  
Capacity: 7  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Length: 10.5 inches  
Weight: 38 ounces

The 66SS4 also features comfortable rubber grips, fixed sights, and a custom SA/DA trigger. **GWBG**

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**01 BERETTA**  
**PX4 STORM SUBCOMPACT**  
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**03 CZ**  
**SP-01 TACTICAL**  
MSRP  
**\$737**



**02 EAA**  
**WITNESS POLYMER CARRY**  
MSRP  
**\$691**

#### 01 BERETTA

MODEL: PX4 Storm Subcompact

WEBSITE: [www.Beretta.com](http://www.Beretta.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 13+1

Barrel Length: 3 inches

Length: 6.2 inches

Width: 1.4 inches

Height: 4.8 inches

Weight: 1.63 pounds

**Specs:** The PX4 has an accessory rail, ambidextrous safety/decocker, and it's the smallest Storm model. The polymer frame also features interchangeable backstraps.

#### 02 EAA

MODEL: Witness Polymer Carry

WEBSITE: [www.EAACorp.com](http://www.EAACorp.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 17+1

Barrel Length: 3.6 inches

Length: 7.5 inches

Width: 1.4 inches

Weight: 1.81 pounds

**Specs:** This is the polymer version of Witness model and it has a tapered cone-lock barrel for accuracy, an integral rail, and stippled grips.

#### 03 CZ

MODEL: SP-01 Tactical

WEBSITE: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 40 S&W

Capacity: 12+1

Barrel Length: 4.6 inches

Length: 8.15 inches

Width: 1.46 inches

Weight: 2.4 pounds

**Specs:** Tritium sights, integral accessory rail, fore and aft slide serrations, combat-style trigger guard, and synthetic grips are all part of the SP-01 Tactical.





**04 CZ**  
**85 COMBAT DUAL TONE**  
MSRP  
**\$664**



**05 CZ**  
**P-07 DUTY**  
MSRP  
**\$510**



**06 EAA**  
**WITNESS STEEL FULL**  
**SIZE TANFOGLIO**  
MSRP  
**\$607**

#### 04 CZ

MODEL: 85 Combat Dual Tone

WEBSITE: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 16+1

Barrel Length: 4.61 inches

Length: 8.11 inches

Weight: 2.21 pounds

**Specs:** The model 85 is the ambidextrous version of the CZ 75 and has a reversible magazine release and improved trigger pull. It sports fixed sights, synthetic grips and an attractive dual tone finish.

#### 05 CZ

MODEL: P-07 Duty

WEBSITE: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 15

Barrel Length: 3.8 inches

Length: 7.2 inches

Width: 1.46 inches

Height: 5.3 inches

Weight: 1.7 pounds

**Specs:** A safety/decocker interchangeable with a standard safety makes the P-07 quite functional. It's high-capacity and designed to meet police defensive requirements.

#### 06 EAA

MODEL: Witness Steel Full Size Tanfoglio

WEBSITE: [www.EAACorp.com](http://www.EAACorp.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 15+1

Barrel Length: 4.5 inches

Length: 8.1 inches

Width: 1.4 inches

Height: 5.5 inches

Weight: 2.06 pounds

**Specs:** This model has a sleek anti-snag design with DA/SA operation for hammer-down carry. It was once popular in competitions for its high capacity and durability.



**07 KAHR ARMS**  
**P45**  
MSRP  
**\$805**



**08 KIMBER**  
**SOLO CARRY**  
MSRP  
**\$815**



**09 KIMBER**  
**SAPPHIRE ULTRA II**  
MSRP  
**\$1,612**

#### **07 KAHR ARMS**

MODEL: P45  
WEBSITE: [www.Kahr.com](http://www.Kahr.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 6+1  
Barrel Length: 3.6 inches  
Length: 6.07 inches  
Width: 1.01 inch  
Height: 4.8 inches  
Weight: 1.31 pounds  
Specs: Polymer and steel construction, snag-free sights, easily concealable dimensions, and serrated grooves on the frame are all characteristics of the P45.

#### **08 KIMBER**

MODEL: Solo Carry  
WEBSITE: [www.KimberAmerica.com](http://www.KimberAmerica.com)  
Action: STR  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 6+1  
Barrel Length: 2.7 inches  
Length: 5.5 inches  
Width: 1 inch  
Weight: 1.06 pounds  
Specs: The Solo Carry specs include low-profile white-dot sights, a 1911-inspired design in a striker-fired configuration, three-dot combat sights, an aluminum frame, and synthetic grips.

#### **09 KIMBER**

MODEL: Sapphire Ultra II  
WEBSITE: [www.KimberAmerica.com](http://www.KimberAmerica.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 3 inches  
Length: 6.8 inches  
Weight: 25 ounces  
Specs: The Sapphire Ultra II features G-10 thin grips, a satin silver frame, and tritium tactical wedge-style dot sights.



**10 RUGER  
LC9**  
MSRP  
**\$449**



**11 SIG SAUER  
M11-A1**  
MSRP  
**\$1,149**



**12 SIG SAUER  
P290 RS NITRON LASER**  
MSRP  
**\$599**

#### 10 RUGER

MODEL: LC9

WEBSITE: [www.Ruger.com](http://www.Ruger.com)

Action: DAO

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 7+1

Barrel Length: 3.12 inches

Length: 6.0 inches

Width: 0.9 inches

Height: 4.5 inches

Weight: 1.06 pounds

**Specs:** The snag-free ergonomic design, low profile adjustable sights, accessory rail, smooth trigger pull, and polymer frame make the LC9 a standout.

#### 11 SIG SAUER

MODEL: M11-A1

WEBSITE: [www.SigSauer.com](http://www.SigSauer.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 15+1

Barrel Length: 3.9 inches

Length: 7.1 inches

Width: 1.5 inches

Height: 5.4 inches

Weight: 2 pounds

**Specs:** The M11-A1 has Siglite night sights, and decocker. It's a civilian version of a Navy issue sidearm, with steel construction and synthetic grips.

#### 12 SIG SAUER

MODEL: P290 RS Nitron Laser

WEBSITE: [www.SigSauer.com](http://www.SigSauer.com)

Action: DAO

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 6+1

Barrel Length: 2.9 inches

Length: 5.5 inches

Width: 1.1 inches

Height: 3.9 inches

Weight: 1.28 pounds

**Specs:** And integral laser, optional Siglite night sights, an extremely compact design, and textured side panels set the P290 RS Nitron Laser apart.



**13 SMITH & WESSON**  
**M&P .40**  
 MSRP  
**\$599**



**14 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY**  
**XDS SINGLE STACK**  
 MSRP  
**\$599**



**15 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY**  
**1911 TRP OPERATOR**  
 MSRP  
**\$1,730**

**13 SMITH & WESSON**

MODEL: M&P .40  
 WEBSITE: [www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)  
 Action: STR  
 Caliber: .40 S&W  
 Capacity: 15+1  
 Barrel Length: 4.25  
 Length: 7.6 inches  
 Width: 1.2 inches  
 Height: 5.5 inches  
 Weight: 1.5 pounds  
 Specs: The M&P .40 has interchangeable backstraps, a large capacity for its caliber, low-profile tactical sights, and a textured grip.

**14 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY**

MODEL: XDS Single Stack  
 WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)  
 Action: STR  
 Caliber: .45 ACP  
 Capacity: 5+1  
 Barrel Length: 3.3 inches  
 Length: 6.3 inches  
 Height: 4.4 inches  
 Weight: 1.34 pounds  
 Specs: The XDS has a two-dot rear sight, a fiber optic front sight, and a short reset trigger. It's available in 9mm Luger (7+1), and has a textured grip.

**15 SPRINGFIELD ARMORY**

MODEL: 1911 TRP Operator  
 WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)  
 Action: SA  
 Caliber: .45 ACP  
 Capacity: 8+1  
 Barrel Length: 5 inches  
 Length: 8.6 inches  
 Height: 4.4 inches  
 Weight: 45 ounces  
 Specs: The TRP Operator has a full-length accessory rail. It features a match barrel and adjustable sights with tritium inserts. It also has a black Armory Kote finish and walnut grips.



**16 SPRINGFIELD ARMY  
MARINE CORPS OPERATOR**  
MSRP  
**\$1,299**



**17 STI  
TOTAL ECLIPSE**  
MSRP  
**\$1,843**



**18 TAURUS  
738B**  
MSRP  
**\$356**

#### 16 SPRINGFIELD ARMY

MODEL: Marine Corps Operator  
WEBSITE: [www.Springfield-Armory.com](http://www.Springfield-Armory.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 5 inches  
Length: 8.6 inches  
Height: 4.4 inches  
Weight: 43 ounces  
Specs: This model is the Marine Corps Operator 1911 with low profile three dot tritium sights. It has an Armory Kote finish, an accessory rail, and an ambidextrous thumb safety. It features G-10 grips.

#### 17 STI

MODEL: Total Eclipse  
WEBSITE: [www.STIGuns.com](http://www.STIGuns.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 9+1  
Barrel Length: 3.24 inches  
Length: 7 inches  
Weight: 22.4 ounces  
Specs: The Total Eclipse has fixed and recessed tritium night sights, a ramped and fully supported barrel, a Recoilmaster guide rod, and wood grips.

#### 18 TAURUS

MODEL: 738B  
WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .380 ACP  
Capacity: 6+1  
Barrel Length: 2.84 inches  
Weight: 63 pounds  
Specs: The 738B is extremely lightweight, has low-profile snag-free sights, a straightforward operation, and serrated frame panels.



**19 WALTHER  
PPK**  
MSRP  
**\$629**



**20 SMITH & WESSON  
SW1911 BOBTAIL CARRY**  
MSRP  
**\$1,539**

#### **19 WALTHER**

MODEL: PPK  
WEBSITE: [www.WaltherAmerica.com](http://www.WaltherAmerica.com)

Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .380 ACP  
Capacity: 6+1

Barrel Length: 3.4 inches  
Length: 6.1 inches  
Width: 1 inch  
Height: 3.8 inches  
Weight: 1.4 pounds

**Specs:** The Walther PPK was James Bond's original defensive pistol, with its sleek profile, snag-free design, decocking lever and synthetic grips.

#### **20 SMITH & WESSON**

MODEL: SW1911 Bobtail Carry  
WEBSITE: [www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)

Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 ACP  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 4.25 inches  
Length: 8 inches  
Width: 1.3 inches  
Height: 5.5 inches  
Weight: 30 ounces

**Specs:** This model has the relieved slide, fish scale serrations and a bobbed tail for increased concealability.



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MODEL: P-06

WEBSITE: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 40 SW

Capacity: 10+1

Barrel Length: 3.9 inches

Length: 7.2 inches

Width: 1.4 inches

Height: 5.3 inches

Weight: 1.82 pounds

**Specs:** The P-06 features rubber grips, light forged alloy frame, firing pin blocking safety, decocking lever.

**23 SIG SAUER  
1911R-COMPACT NICKEL**  
MSRP  
**\$1,156**



**24 STOEGER  
COUGAR**  
MSRP  
**\$469**

## **22 HECKLER & KOCH**

MODEL: VP9

WEBSITE: [www.HK-USA.com](http://www.HK-USA.com)

Action: STR

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 15+1

Barrel Length: 4.09 inches

Length: 7.34 inches

Width: 1.32 inches

Height: 5.41 inches

Weight: 1.66 pounds

**Specs:** The VP9 has an accessory rail, short-recoil linkless locking system, striker fired, ambidextrous controls, polymer frame with interchangeable grips and backstraps.

## **23 SIG SAUER**

MODEL: 1911R-Compact Nickel

WEBSITE: [www.SigSauer.com](http://www.SigSauer.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 7+1

Barrel Length: 4.2 inches

Length: 7.7 inches

Weight: 38.8 ounces

**Specs:** This is Sig's nickel-coated 1911. Makes for a great all-weather tactical and carry gun. Lo-Mount sight and checkered front strap.

## **24 STOEGER**

MODEL: Cougar

WEBSITE: [www.StoegerIndustries.com](http://www.StoegerIndustries.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 40 SW

Capacity: 11+1

Barrel Length: 3.5 inches

Length: 7 inches

Width: 1.3 inches

Weight: 32 ounces

**Specs:** The Cougar has ambidextrous safety/decocking lever, rotating barrel, available as well in 9mm Luger and .45 ACP.

**25 GLOCK**  
**G34, G35, G40, G41 MOS**  
 MSRP  
**Varies by model**



**26 WALTHER**  
**P99**  
 MSRP  
**\$1,539**

**25 GLOCK**

MODEL: G34, G35, G40, G41 MOS

WEBSITE: [www.Glock.com](http://www.Glock.com)

Action: STR

Caliber: 9x19, 40 S&W, 45 ACP,  
 10mm Auto

Stats vary by model

**Specs:** New Glock Modular Optic System allows shooters to mount a variety of optical sights onto to four models of Glock pistols in four different calibers.

**26 WALTHER**

MODEL: P99

WEBSITE: [www.WaltherArms.com](http://www.WaltherArms.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: 40 SW

Capacity: 12+1

Barrel Length: 4.1 inches

Length: 7.2 inches

Width: 1.3 inches

Height: 5.3 inches

Weight: 26 ounces

**Specs:** The P99 has a safety/decocker button, ambidextrous mag release built into trigger guard, and three-dot adjustable combat sights.





**27 BROWNING  
HI-POWER MK III**  
MSRP  
**\$1,059**



**28 TAURUS  
1911FS**  
MSRP  
**\$684**

#### **27 BROWNING**

MODEL: Hi-Power MK III

WEBSITE: [www.Browning.com](http://www.Browning.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 9mm Luger

Capacity: 13+1

Barrel Length: 4.625 inches

**Specs:** This model has an ambidextrous safety, integral thumb rests, John Browning's last 1911-style design, and arguably the second-best single action semi-automatic handgun ever designed.

#### **28 TAURUS**

MODEL: 1911FS

WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 8+1

Barrel Length: 5.0 inches

Length: 8.5 inches

Width: 1.5 inches

Height: 5.45 inches

Weight: 38 ounces

**Specs:** The 1911FS is fitted with genuine Novak sights, a lightened aluminum trigger, and is chambered for the .45 ACP. Also features the TSS, or Taurus Security System which provides a secure way to keep your firearm in a ready to go posture, while still being able keep the pistol from being used by anyone else. **GWBG**

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PLR-16**  
MSRP  
**\$665**

#### 01 KRISS

MODEL: Vector SDP Pistol

WEBSITE:

[www.Kriss-USA.com](http://www.Kriss-USA.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 13+1

Barrel Length: 6.5 inches

Length: 1.33 feet

Weight: 5.4 pounds

**Specs:** This pistol accepts Glock magazines, has a delayed blowback operating system, and is a modular system with four sub-assemblies.

#### 02 AUTO-ORDNANCE

MODEL: Thompson 1927A-1

Deluxe Pistol TA5

WEBSITE:

[www.Auto-Ordnance.com](http://www.Auto-Ordnance.com)

Action: Semi-automatic

Caliber: .45 ACP

Capacity: 50+1

Barrel Length: 10.5 inches

Length: 1.94 feet

Weight: 5.91 pounds

**Specs:** This classic "Tommy Gun" pistol features walnut furniture, drum or stick magazines, cooling fins on barrel, and closed-bolt blowback operation.

#### 03 ROSSI

MODEL: Ranch Hand

WEBSITE:

[www.RossiUSA.com](http://www.RossiUSA.com)

Action: Lever

Caliber: .44 Magnum

Capacity: 6+1

Barrel Length: 1 foot

Length: 2 feet

Weight: 4.9 pounds

**Specs:** The Ranch Hand has an adjustable buckhorn rear sight, an oversized loop lever, and a saddle ring with rawhide tie.

#### 04 KEL-TEC

MODEL: PLR-16

WEBSITE:

[www.KeltecWeapons.com](http://www.KeltecWeapons.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: 5.56 NATO

Capacity: 30+1

Barrel Length: 9.2 inches

Length: 1.54 feet

Weight: 3.42 pounds


**Specs:** The PLR-16 has adjustable sights, a long-stroke gas piston operating system, and a threaded muzzle with brake. **GWBG**



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#### 01 BERETTA

MODEL: U22 Neos  
WEBSITE: [www.Beretta.com](http://www.Beretta.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .22 LR  
Capacity: 10+1  
Barrel Length: 4.5 inches  
Length: 8.8 inches  
Weight: 2 pounds

**Specs:** The unique Giugiaro design, adjustable rear sight, and modular design for extensive customization are all features of the U22 NEOS.

#### 02 BROWNING

MODEL: 1911-22 Compact  
WEBSITE: [www.Browning.com](http://www.Browning.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .22 LR  
Capacity: 10+1  
Barrel Length: 3.625 inches  
Length: 6.5 inches  
Weight: .94 pounds

**Specs:** This model has an aluminum alloy frame and slide, authentic military look, and identical controls and ergonomics to the 1911A1.

#### 03 BERETTA 87 TARGET

MODEL: 87 Target  
WEBSITE: [www.Beretta.com](http://www.Beretta.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .22 LR  
Capacity: 10+1  
Barrel Length: 5.9 inches  
Length: 8.9 inches  
Weight: 1.84 pounds

**Specs:** The 87 Target is ergonomically similar to the M9 and 92FS. It features a beveled magazine well and adjustable sights.





**04 TAURUS  
990SS6**  
MSRP  
**\$555**



**06 TAURUS  
22 PLY**  
MSRP  
**\$256**



**05 TAURUS  
22 NGR**  
MSRP  
**\$299**

#### **04 TAURUS**

MODEL: 990SS6  
WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: SA/DA  
Caliber: .22 LR  
Capacity: 9 Shots  
Barrel Length: 6.5 inches  
Length: 10.5 inches  
Weight: 44 oz.

**Specs:** This handgun uses a matte stainless steel finish with rubber grips and adjustable sights.

#### **05 TAURUS**

MODEL: 22 NGR  
WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .22 LR  
Capacity: 8+1 Shots  
Barrel Length: 2.75 inches  
Weight: 12.3 oz.

**Specs:** A tip up barrel for easy loading, small size and compact frame are key components of the 22 NGR, along with fixed sights, a blued finish, and Rosewood grips. It also incorporates TSS, Taurus' Key Lock System.

#### **06 TAURUS**

MODEL: 22 PLY  
WEBSITE: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .22 LR  
Capacity: 8+1 Shots  
Barrel Length: 2.33 inches  
Weight: 11.27 oz.

**Specs:** The 22 PLY features a tip up barrel for easy loading, is small in size and has a compact, lightweight Polymer frame. It also has integrated fixed sights, a blued finish, and synthetic grips. It incorporates TSS, Taurus' Key Lock System.



**07 CHIAPPA  
MFOUR-22**  
MSRP  
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**08 KEL-TEC  
PMR-30**  
MSRP  
**\$415**

#### **07 CHIAPPA**

MODEL: Mfour-22  
WEBSITE: [www.ChiappaFireArms.com](http://www.ChiappaFireArms.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .22 LR  
Capacity: 28+1  
Barrel Length: 6 inches  
Length: 1.19 feet  
Weight: 4.7 pounds  
Specs: The Mfour-22 features an imitation flash hider, quad rail fore end, and a detachable A2-style carry handle.

#### **08 KEL-TEC**

MODEL: PMR-30  
WEBSITE: [www.KeltecWeapons.com](http://www.KeltecWeapons.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .22 Magnum (.22 WMR)  
Capacity: 30+1  
Barrel Length: 4.3 inches  
Length: 7.9 inches  
Weight: 13.6 ounces  
Specs: The PMR-30 has an aluminum-frame skeleton, steel slide and barrel, and three-dot fiber optic sights.



**09 CZ  
75 KADET**  
MSRP  
**\$690**

**10 COLT  
GOLD CUP 22 LR**  
MSRP  
**\$499**

#### 09 CZ

MODEL: 75 Kadet

WEBSITE: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: .22 LR

Capacity: 10+1

Barrel Length: 4.6 inches

Length: 8.1 inches

Weight: 2.43 pounds

**Specs:** The 75 Kadet has adjustable sights, a combat-style trigger guard, and it's balanced and weighted like the CZ75 B.

#### 10 COLT

MODEL: Gold Cup 22 LR

WEBSITE: [www.Colt.com](http://www.Colt.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .22 LR

Capacity: 12+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 8.6 inches

Weight: 2.25 pounds

**Specs:** This is the Colt 22 LR reproduction of the Colt Gold Cup. It has adjustable sights, a blued finish, and a beavertail safety.





**11 UMAREX**  
**GOLD CUP PISTOL .22LR**  
MSRP  
**\$469**



**12 COLT**  
**1911 A1 RAIL GUN**  
MSRP  
**\$499**



**13 WALTHER**  
**P22**  
MSRP  
**\$379**

### 11 UMAREX

MODEL: Gold Cup .22 LR

WEBSITE: [www.UmarexUSA.com](http://www.UmarexUSA.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .22 LR

Capacity: 12+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 8.6 inches

Weight: 2.25 pounds

**Specs:** Umarex reproduces the Colt Gold Cup with this model, including the skeletonized trigger and adjustable target sights.

### 12 COLT

MODEL: 1911 A1 Rail Gun

WEBSITE: [www.Colt.com](http://www.Colt.com)

Action: SA

Caliber: .22 LR

Capacity: 12+1

Barrel Length: 5 inches

Length: 8.6 inches

Weight: 2.25 pounds

**Specs:** The Rail Gun features combat low-profile sights, a blued finish, a beavertail safety, and an accessory rail under the dust cover.

### 13 WALTHER

MODEL: P22

WEBSITE: [www.WaltherAmerica.com](http://www.WaltherAmerica.com)

Action: DA/SA

Caliber: .22 LR

Capacity: 10+1

Barrel Length: 3.42 inches

Length: 6.3 inches

Weight: .94 pounds

**Specs:** The P22 has three safeties, three-dot adjustable combat sight, and ambidextrous controls. **GWBG**

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RANGER**  
MSRP  
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#### **01 BERETTA**

MODEL: 21A Bobcat  
WEBSITE: [www.Beretta.com](http://www.Beretta.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .25 ACP  
Capacity: 8+1  
Barrel Length: 2.4 inches  
Length: 4.9 inches  
Width: 1.1 inches  
Height: 3.7 inches  
Weight: 11.5 ounces  
**Specs:** The 21A Bobcat has a tip-up barrel, comfortable grip and is also available in .22 LR.

#### **02 AMERICAN DERRINGER**

MODEL: M7  
WEBSITE: [www.AmDerringer.com](http://www.AmDerringer.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: 9mm Luger  
Capacity: 2  
Barrel Length: 3 inches  
Length: 4.8 inches  
Width: 1.1 inches  
Height: 3.3 inches  
Weight: 7.5 ounces  
**Specs:** The M7 has aluminum construction for light weight and automatic barrel selection.

#### **03 BOND ARMS**

MODEL: Cowboy Defender  
WEBSITE: [www.BondArms.com](http://www.BondArms.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 Colt/.410 Shotshell  
Capacity: 2  
Barrel Length: 3 inches  
Length: 5 inches  
Height: 3.75 inches  
Weight: 19 ounces  
**Specs:** Interchangeable barrels and a spring-loaded cammed locking lever make the Cowboy Defender extremely powerful.

#### **04 BOND ARMS**

MODEL: Ranger  
WEBSITE: [www.BondArms.com](http://www.BondArms.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 Colt/.410 Shotshell  
Capacity: 2  
Barrel Length: 4.25 inches  
Length: 6.25 inches  
Weight: 23.5 ounces  
**Specs:** The Ranger features interchangeable barrels, fixed sights, and extremely sturdy construction.



**05 BOND ARMS  
SNAKE SLAYER**  
MSRP  
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**07 NORTH AMERICAN  
ARMS MAGNUM**  
MSRP  
**\$284**



**06 COLT .380 MUSTANG  
POCKETLITE**  
MSRP  
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**08 BOND ARMS  
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MSRP  
**\$395**

#### 05 BOND ARMS

MODEL: Snake Slayer  
WEBSITE:  
[www.BondArms.com](http://www.BondArms.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 Colt / .410 Shotshell  
Capacity: 2  
Barrel Length: 3.5 inches  
Length: 5.5 inches  
Height: 4.3 inches  
Weight: 22 ounces  
Specs: The Snake Slayer has interchangeable barrels, fixed sights, and an automatic extractor.

#### 06 COLT

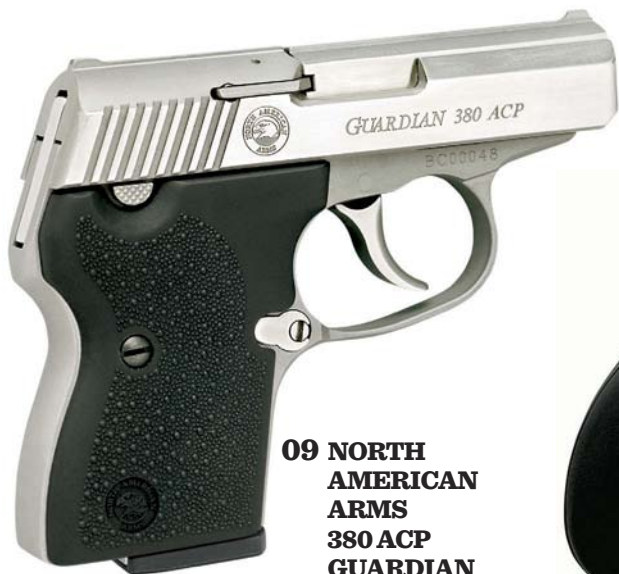
MODEL: .380 Mustang  
Pocketlite  
WEBSITE: [www.ColtMfg.com](http://www.ColtMfg.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .380 ACP  
Capacity: 6+1  
Barrel Length: 2.75 inches  
Length: 5.5  
Weight: 12.5  
Specs: This Mustang Pocketlite features a lowered ejection port and a Commander-style hammer. It's a 1911 design in a very tiny package.

#### 07 NORTH

**AMERICAN ARMS**  
MODEL: Magnum 15/8-inch  
Barrel with Conversion  
Cylinder & Holster Grip  
WEBSITE:  
[www.NorthAmericanArms.com](http://www.NorthAmericanArms.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .22 WMR  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 1.63 inches  
Length: 5.25 inches  
Width: 0.9 inches  
Height: 2.9 inches  
Weight: 6.2 ounces  
Specs: This mini has a grip that folds under the pistol. It accepts .22 LR cartridges and doesn't "print" as a gun when carrying concealed.

#### 08 BOND ARMS

MODEL: Bond Mini 45  
WEBSITE:  
[www.BondArms.com](http://www.BondArms.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 Colt  
Capacity: 2  
Barrel Length: 2.5 inches  
Length: 4.5 inches  
Height: 3.75 inches  
Weight: 19 ounces  
Specs: The Bond Mini 45 features a crossbolt safety, retracting firing pins, and is extremely powerful.



**09 NORTH  
AMERICAN  
ARMS  
380 ACP  
GUARDIAN**  
MSRP  
**\$449**



**11 NORTH AMERICAN ARMS  
MINI MASTER MAGNUM**  
MSRP  
**\$314**



**10 NORTH AMERICAN  
ARMS MAG WASP**  
MSRP  
**\$284**



**12 RUGER LCP**  
MSRP  
**\$379**

**09 NORTH  
AMERICAN ARMS**

MODEL: 380 ACP Guardian  
WEBSITE: [www.NorthAmericanArms.com](http://www.NorthAmericanArms.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .380 ACP  
Capacity: 6+1  
Barrel Length: 2.5 inches  
Length: 4.8 inches  
Width: 0.9 inches  
Height: 3.5 inches  
Weight: 19 ounces  
Specs: The Guardian has a stippled grip for control, a very short height, and a 2.5-inch barrel for improved velocity.

**10 NORTH  
AMERICAN ARMS**

MODEL: Mag 1 1/8-inch Barrel Vent Bar Wasp  
WEBSITE: [www.NorthAmericanArms.com](http://www.NorthAmericanArms.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .22 WMR  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 1.6 inches  
Length: 4.75 inches  
Width: 0.9 inches  
Height: 2.9 inches  
Weight: 5.9 ounces  
Specs: The Wasp has a powerful .22 WMR cartridge. It's very lightweight and includes a .22 LR conversion cylinder.

**11 NORTH  
AMERICAN ARMS**

MODEL: Mini Master Magnum with Adjustable Sights  
WEBSITE: [www.NorthAmericanArms.com](http://www.NorthAmericanArms.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .22 WMR  
Capacity: 5  
Barrel Length: 4 inches  
Length: 7.9 inches  
Width: 1 inch  
Height: 3.7 inches  
Weight: 10.7 ounces  
Specs: This Mini Magnum sports adjustable target sights, a vented top rib, and a surprisingly long barrel for such a small shooter.

**12 RUGER**

MODEL: LCP  
WEBSITE: [www.Ruger.com](http://www.Ruger.com)  
Action: DAO  
Caliber: .380 Auto  
Capacity: 6+1  
Barrel Length: 2.75 inches  
Length: 5.2 inches  
Width: 0.8 inches  
Height: 3.6 inches  
Weight: 9.4 ounces  
Specs: Snag-free design for pocket carry, low-profile sights, and seven rounds total onboard make the LCP a great buy. It's available with LaserMax or CrimsonTrace laser sights.





**13 BOND ARMS  
CENTURY 2000**  
MSRP  
**\$435**



**15 BERETTA  
TOMCAT**  
MSRP  
**\$390**



**14 AMERICAN  
DERRINGER  
MODEL 1**  
MSRP  
**\$705**

### 13 BOND ARMS

MODEL: Century 2000  
WEBSITE: [www.BondArms.com](http://www.BondArms.com)  
Action: SA  
Calibers: .45 Colt/.410 Shotshell  
Capacity: 2  
Barrel Length: 3.5 inches  
Length: 5.5 inches  
Weight: 21 ounces  
Specs: Fixed sights, rosewood or laminated black ash grips, and satin finished stainless steel make the Century 2000 a standout.

### 14 AMERICAN DERRINGER

MODEL: Model 1  
WEBSITE: [www.AmDerringer.com](http://www.AmDerringer.com)  
Action: SA  
Caliber: .45 Colt/.410 Shotshell  
Capacity: 2  
Barrel Length: 3 inches  
Length: 4.8 inches  
Width: 1.2 inches  
Height: 3.35 inches  
Weight: 15 ounces  
Specs: The Model 1 has automatic barrel selection, a hammer block safety, and allows dual ammunition use.

### 15 BERETTA

MODEL: Tomcat & Tomcat INOX  
WEBSITE: [www.Beretta.com](http://www.Beretta.com)  
Action: DA/SA  
Caliber: .32 ACP  
Capacity: 7+1  
Barrel Length: 2.4 inches  
Length: 4.9 inches  
Width: 1.1 inches  
Height: 3.7 inches  
Weight: 14.5 ounces  
Specs: The Tomcats feature a tip-up barrel and a crisp trigger in single action. The INOX model is made of all-weather stainless steel. **GWBG**

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# COOL ACCESSORIES

ADD-ONS CAN ENHANCE  
USEFULNESS, IMPROVE  
FIREARM PERFORMANCE



**T**he number and type of accessories can be mind-boggling. Where do you start?

Right here.

First, firearms accessories can really make or break the enjoyment factor of any firearm. Some of them can really enhance the usefulness of the firearms; others help the shooter get more performance out of the gun.

In the past, some accessories — like lights, lasers and optics — were dismissed as toys or shooting aids that had no place on a “real” gun. Now, they are much more mainstream on competition, self-defense and tactical firearms and have really found their footing.

Get ready, get set, get started!





**01 STREAMLIGHT  
POLYTAC**  
MSRP  
**\$66-\$77**



**02 STREAMLIGHT  
TLR4-G**  
MSRP  
**\$400**



**03 STREAMLIGHT  
TLR2-G**  
MSRP  
**\$550**

#### 01 STREAMLIGHT

MODEL: PolyTac Consol and PolyTac HP  
WEBSITE: [www.Streamlight.com](http://www.Streamlight.com)  
SPECS: The PolyTac is designed to offer downrange illumination. The HP provides illumination out to 275 meters on the high setting. The PolyTac features a glass lens, while the PolyTac HP features an unbreakable, scratch-resistant polycarbonate lens.

#### 02 STREAMLIGHT

MODEL: TLR4-G  
WEBSITE: [www.Streamlight.com](http://www.Streamlight.com)  
SPECS: The TLR4-G tactical light offers 115 lumens and three run modes, light, laser and light plus laser. This unit operates in extreme environments and temperature ranges of -20 to 120+ degrees, and uses a green laser. The green is a great choice for daylight hours, since the color green is more visible to the human eye in daylight than other colors.

#### 03 STREAMLIGHT

MODEL: TLR2-G  
WEBSITE: [www.Streamlight.com](http://www.Streamlight.com)  
SPECS: The TLR2-G tactical light offers 200 lumens, and three run modes, light, laser and light plus laser. This unit also has a strobe function. Durable, anodized aluminum construction with high-impact, chemical-resistant polymer laser housing.



**04 SUREFIRE  
X400 ULTRA**  
MSRP  
\$790.00

**05 LASERLYTE  
CM-MK4**  
MSRP  
\$150

**04 SUREFIRE**

MODEL: X400 Ultra (Green)

WEBSITE: [www.Surefire.com](http://www.Surefire.com)

**SPECS:** This light/laser combination features a 500-lumen white light and a 5 mW green laser which can be zeroed for the gun/ammunition. Ambidextrous push/toggle switching provides one-finger activation. Also has optional pressure pad for long guns and DG switches for handguns.

**05 LASERLYTE**

MODEL: CM-MK4

WEBSITE: [www.LaserLyte.com](http://www.LaserLyte.com)

**SPECS:** Ideal for small concealable guns that have a short (.70-inch) mounting rail. The laser projects a ring of 8 red dots with a red dot in the center. The circle grows at 1 inch per yard.



**06 LASERLYTE**  
**CK-SW**  
 MSRP  
**\$150**



**07 CRIMSON TRACE**  
**LG-639**  
 MSRP  
**\$249-\$329**



**08 SUREFIRE**  
**X400 ULTRA**  
 MSRP  
**\$595.00**

**06 LASERLYTE**

MODEL: CK-SW

WEBSITE: [www.LaserLyte.com](http://www.LaserLyte.com)

**SPECS:** This model is ideal for shooters that want a small, powerful laser for the compact J-frame revolvers. This laser has 5 hours of battery life in constant On mode, and 10 hours in Pulse mode.

**07 CRIMSON TRACE**

MODEL: LG-639 (red) and

LG-639G (green)

WEBSITE: [www.CrimsonTrace.com](http://www.CrimsonTrace.com)

**SPECS:** Rear-activated laser sights for Glock 3rd Generation Compact pistols in the following models: 19, 23, 25 & 32. Both feature instinctive activation on the rear of the grip and include a master on/off switch to give shooters the option to use their pistols with or without engaging the laser.

**08 SUREFIRE**

MODEL: X400 Ultra (Red)

WEBSITE: [www.Surefire.com](http://www.Surefire.com)

**SPECS:** Less expensive version of the X400 Ultra Green. This versatile light can be attached to a pistol or a long gun since its Rail-Lock® system permits rapid attachment/detachment from either universal or Picatinny rails.





**09 HORNADY  
SONIC CLEANER**  
MSRP  
**\$426**



**11 AIMPOINT  
MICRO H-1**  
MSRP  
**\$780**



**10 AIMPOINT  
MICRO H-2**  
MSRP  
**\$686**

#### 09 HORNADY

MODEL: Sonic Cleaner

WEBSITE: [www.Hornady.com](http://www.Hornady.com)

SPECS: The Hornady Sonic Cleaner contains 7 liters of ultrasonic cleaner. It works on empty cases, firearms' parts and other small metal parts. Also features a keypad to set time, temperature, de-gas and other functions.

#### 10 AIMPOINT

MODEL: Micro H-2

WEBSITE: [www.Aimpoint.com](http://www.Aimpoint.com)

SPECS: The Aimpoint H-2 includes front and rear flip-up covers, and new lens coatings for increased light transmission with a 2 MAO dot size.

#### 11 AIMPOINT

MODEL: Micro H-1

WEBSITE: [www.Aimpoint.com](http://www.Aimpoint.com)

SPECS: The H-1 from Aimpoint is designed for the hunting handgun. Features include 2 dot sizes, 2 MOA and 4 MOA, and a patented mount to absorb recoil from heavy recoiling handguns.



**12 AIMPOINT  
MICRO T-1**  
MSRP  
**\$768**



**13 HORNADY BACKPACK**  
MSRP  
**\$66-\$77**

#### **12 AIMPOINT**

MODEL: Micro T-1  
WEBSITE: [www.Aimpoint.com](http://www.Aimpoint.com)  
SPECS: Electronic red dot sight features a 4 MOA dot size, and a small size and weight that are ideal for most handguns. Also features 12 brightness settings and unlimited eye relief.

#### **13 HORNADY**

MODEL: Backpack  
WEBSITE: [www.Hornady.com](http://www.Hornady.com)  
SPECS: This pack is made from Cordura Nylon. The main compartment is 15x19x5 inches, it has 5 pockets and 1/2-inch-thick padded straps.

# Quality Ammunition For Quality Firearms



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## AMMUNITION FOR ALL REASONS, ALL SEASONS

**I**t's a good time to be involved in the shooting sports.

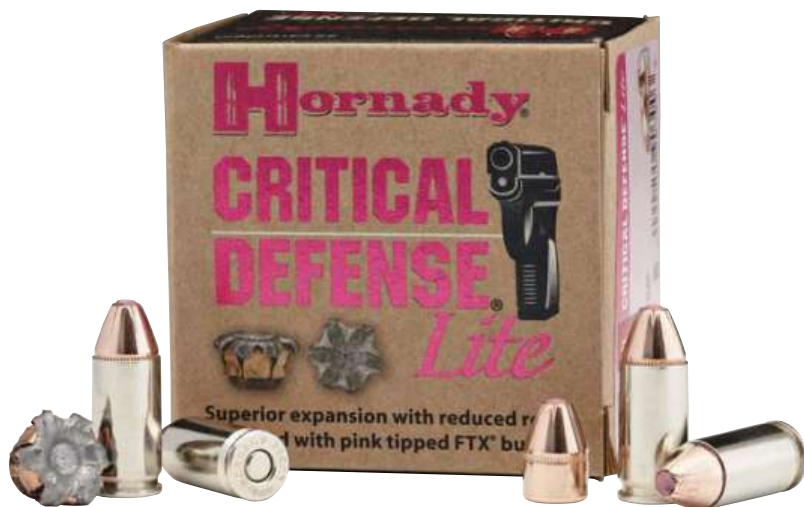
Ammunition companies work very hard with very savvy people to design, test and develop more specialized ammunition for the multitude of shooting sports for the modern shooter, as well as for tactical and defensive uses.

In the '70s when I started shooting, I had a 4-inch M19 S&W and generally

the only available options were the LSWC and a JHP. Nowadays, the variety of available brands, types and configurations of ammunition available for that classic round is mindboggling. The same can be said for most new firearms with new varieties introduced regularly. We've gathered some of the new and noteworthy.

Enjoy the good times!

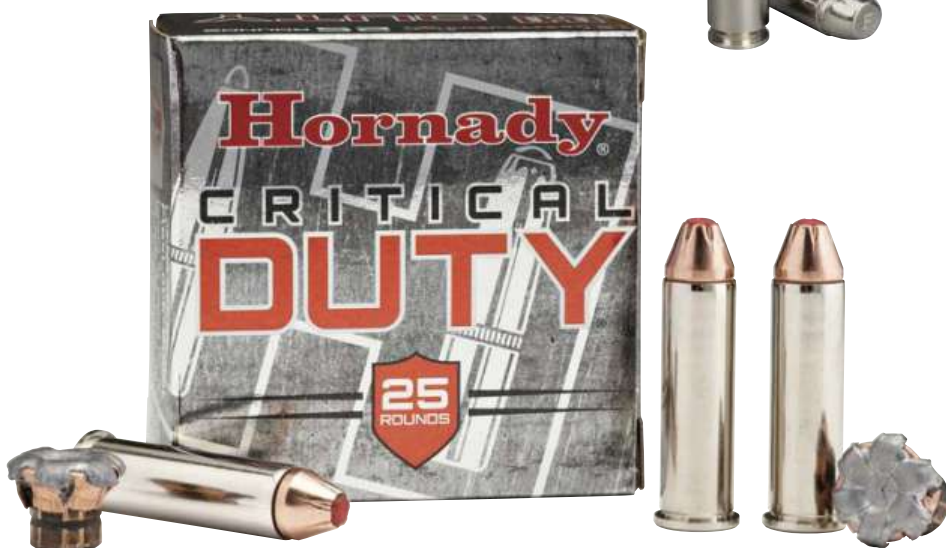




**01 HORNADY**



**02 FEDERAL PREMIUM**



**03 HORNADY**

**01 HORNADY**

CALIBER: 9mm

WEBSITE: [www.Hornady.com](http://www.Hornady.com)

Bullet Style: FTX/JHP

Bullet Weight: 100 grains

Brand: Critical Defense Lite

Muzzle Velocity: 1,125 fps

**Designed for:** Home Defense/Tactical. Reduced recoil load delivers the same punch in a light recoiling package. Portion of the proceeds goes to fund breast cancer research.

**02 FEDERAL PREMIUM**

CALIBER: Various

WEBSITE: [www.FederalPremium.com](http://www.FederalPremium.com)

Bullet Style: Round Nose

Bullet Weight: Varies by caliber

Brand: Premium Personal Defense

Muzzle Velocity: Varies by caliber

**Designed For:** This personal defensive ammunition is designed to expand, but not overpenetrate. Bullet nose profile is similar to an FMJ, but has a flat point for good expansion.

**03 HORNADY**

CALIBER: .357 Magnum

WEBSITE: [www.Hornady.com](http://www.Hornady.com)

Bullet Style: JHP

Bullet Weight: 135 grains

Brand: Premium Personal Defense

Muzzle Velocity: 1275 fps

**Designed For:** Personal defense.



**04 FEDERAL AMMUNITION**



**05 BARNES**



**06 HORNADY**

**04 FEDERAL AMMUNITION**

CALIBER: .22 LR  
WEBSITE: [www.FederalPremium.com](http://www.FederalPremium.com)  
Bullet Style: Solid  
Bullet Weight: 36 grains  
Brand: Champion  
Muzzle Velocity: 1,260 fps  
Designed For: Target, small game hunting.

**05 BARNES**

CALIBER: Various  
WEBSITE: [www.Barnesbullets.com](http://www.Barnesbullets.com)  
Bullet Style: JHP  
Bullet Weight: Varies by caliber  
Brand: VOR-TX  
Muzzle Velocity: Varies by caliber  
Designed For: Excellent bullet for use in hunting caliber handguns.

**06 HORNADY**

CALIBER: Various  
WEBSITE: [www.Hornady.com](http://www.Hornady.com)  
Bullet Style: XTP JHP  
Bullet Weight: Various  
Brand: American Gunner Series  
Muzzle Velocity: Varies by caliber  
Designed For: Target shooting, personal defense, hunting.



**07 NOSLER**



**08 REMINGTON**



**09 BARNES**



**10 REMINGTON**

**07 NOSLER**

**AMMUNITION**

CALIBER: .22 LR

WEBSITE: [www.Federal-Premium.com](http://www.Federal-Premium.com)

Bullet Style: Solid

Bullet Weight: 36 grains

Brand: Champion

Muzzle Velocity: 1,260 fps

**Designed For:** Sporting and competition.

**08 REMINGTON**

CALIBER: .45 ACP +P

WEBSITE: [www.Remington.com](http://www.Remington.com)

Bullet Style: HPJ

Bullet Weight: 230 grains

Brand: Golden Saber

Muzzle Velocity: 1,140 fps

**Designed For:** Very powerful round in major caliber. Superbly accurate and functions flawlessly

**09 BARNES**

CALIBER: .45 Auto +P

WEBSITE:

[www.BarnesBullets.com](http://www.BarnesBullets.com)

Bullet Style: JHP

Bullet Weight: 185 grains

Brand: TAC-XPD

Muzzle Velocity: 1,000 fps

**Designed For:** Great round for personal defense. All copper bullets provides for good expansion and penetration.

**10 REMINGTON**

CALIBER: Various

WEBSITE: [www.Remington.com](http://www.Remington.com)

Bullet Style: Various

Bullet Weight: Varies by caliber

Brand: Ultimate Defense

Muzzle Velocity: Varies by caliber

**Designed For:** Designed CCW holders to provide similar ballistics out of the shorter barrels that concealable handguns usually have.





**11 REMINGTON**



**12 REMINGTON**



**13 REMINGTON**

**11 REMINGTON**

CALIBER: .38 Spl, (+P) 9mm (+P),  
40 S&W, 45 ACP  
WEBSITE: [www.Remington.com](http://www.Remington.com)  
Bullet Style: JHP  
Bullet Weight: Varies by caliber  
Brand: Disintegrator  
Muzzle Velocity: Varies by caliber  
Designed for: Duty and defense.

**12 REMINGTON**

CALIBER: .22 LR  
WEBSITE: [www.Remington.com](http://www.Remington.com)  
Bullet Style: HP  
Bullet Weight: 33 grains  
Brand: Yellow Jacket  
Muzzle Velocity: 1,500 fps  
Designed for: Hypervelocity .22 LR for  
a wide variety of uses.

**13 REMINGTON**

CALIBER: .22 LR  
WEBSITE: [www.Remington.com](http://www.Remington.com)  
Bullet Style: HP  
Bullet Weight: 38 grains  
Brand: Subsonic  
Muzzle Velocity: 1,050 fps  
Designed for: Subsonic .22 LR for  
a wide variety of uses.



**14 HORNADY**



**15 FEDERAL PREMIUM**



**16 REMINGTON**

#### **14 HORNADY**

CALIBER: Various  
 WEBSITE: [www.Hornady.com](http://www.Hornady.com)  
 Bullet Style: JHP  
 Bullet Weight: Varies by caliber  
 Brand: Critical Defense  
 Muzzle Velocity: Varies by caliber  
 Designed for: Family of handgun and shotshell cartridges for personal defense.

#### **15 FEDERAL PREMIUM**

CALIBER: Various  
 WEBSITE: [www.Remington.com](http://www.Remington.com)  
 Bullet Style: JHP  
 Bullet Weight: Varies by caliber  
 Brand: HST  
 Muzzle Velocity: Varies by Caliber  
 Designed for: Home/personal defense, new .380 caliber available.

#### **16 REMINGTON**

CALIBER: .38 Special, .357 Magnum, .40 S&W, .41 Magnum, .44 Magnum, .45 ACP, .45 LC  
 WEBSITE: [www.Remington.com](http://www.Remington.com)  
 Bullet Style: JHP  
 Bullet Weight: Varies by caliber  
 Brand: HTP  
 Muzzle Velocity: Varies by caliber  
 Designed for: Duty and defense. **GWBG**



# Holster Essentials

## DON'T OVERLOOK THE BASICS

**H**olsters are critical equipment for every handgun owner. But unfortunately, holster selection isn't always given the attention it deserves.

Holsters offer protection for the firearm's finish, provide comfortable and secure concealment, and when needed, allow the wearer instant access to the weapon.

Holsters come in different materials, such as leather, Kydex and other synthetics. They are worn in various positions on the body for different types of access. For instance, an inside-the-waistband holster provides concealed carry access, while a service holster is typically worn on the outside at the hip.

In fact, holsters today are so specialized, that it may even make sense to have more than one for a given handgun. If you are a competitive shooter and you carry concealed, you would use a different holster type for each use.

We've brought together a fantastic selection of holsters of all types for your viewing pleasure. There's something for everyone, every situation, and every handgun.

So go ahead — choose your holster with the dedication it warrants.



THINKSTOCK



### 03 SAFARILAND HOLSTERS

MSRP

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### 01 SAFARILAND HOLSTERS

MSRP

**From \$78**



### 02 BROWNELLS

MSRP

**MSRP: \$100**

#### 01 SAFARILAND HOLSTERS

Model: Bianchi 135 Suppression

Inside Waistband

WEBSITE: [www.Safariland.com](http://www.Safariland.com)

This holster has a leather outer covering with a foam padded synthetic liner for long life. Designed for deep concealment especially if your shirt has to be tucked in.

#### 02 BROWNELLS

Model: Summer Special

WEBSITE: [www.Brownells.com](http://www.Brownells.com)

This is a classic holster that's been around for decades for good reason. It has solid construction and outstanding design.

#### 03 SAFARILAND HOLSTERS

Model: Safariland 5378 GLS Concealment

Paddle & Belt Loop Combo

WEBSITE: [www.Safariland.com](http://www.Safariland.com)

This holster comes with the Safariland GLS Grip Lock System, which provides for excellent retention, and is finger-deactivated when drawing. It's available in a wide variety of belt slot openings and can be adjusted for cant or crossdraw.

**04 DILLON  
PRECISION**  
MSRP  
**\$50**



**05 CROSSBREED  
HOLSTERS**  
MSRP  
**From \$53**



**06 GALCO  
INTERNATIONAL**  
MSRP  
**\$130**



**04 DILLON PRECISION**

Model: El Raton-DL 2"

J-Frame S&W Revolver

WEBSITE: [www.DillonPrecision.com](http://www.DillonPrecision.com)

The El Raton-DL inside-the-waistband pocket holster carries the S&W J-framed revolvers in a very secure and concealable pouch that won't come out when your pistol is drawn.

**05 CROSSBREED HOLSTERS**

Model: Purse Defender

WEBSITE: [www.CrossBreedHolsters.com](http://www.CrossBreedHolsters.com)

This holster goes inside your purse and bag and is a great way for women to carry a variety of handguns. It's configurable in many ways, and you can add a second holster and magazine carrier to the setup.

**06 GALCO INTERNATIONAL**

Model: SSS Side Snap

Scabbard (Gen 2)

WEBSITE: [www.GalcoGunleather.com](http://www.GalcoGunleather.com)

Made from quality steerhide, the Side Snap Scabbard has a slight butt-forward cant making for easy draws, and an adjustable tensioner. Fits belts up to 1 1/2 inches.



**08 DESANTIS  
GUNHIDE**  
MSRP  
**\$73**



**09 GALCO  
INTERNATIONAL**  
MSRP  
**\$88**



**07 BROWNELLS**  
MSRP  
**\$81**

#### **07 BROWNELLS**

Model: CTAC IWB

WEBSITE: [www.Brownells.com](http://www.Brownells.com)

The CTAC inside-the-waistband Kydex-construction holster uses two 1.5-inch belt clips for solid retention.

#### **08 DESANTIS GUNHIDE**

Model: Thumb Break Mini Slide

WEBSITE: [www.DesantisHolster.com](http://www.DesantisHolster.com)

This holster is made from high quality saddle leather, constructed using double stitching and made with an ultra-close fit. For belts up to 1 3/4 inch wide.

#### **09 GALCO INTERNATIONAL**

Model: Combat Master Belt Holster

WEBSITE: [www.GalcoGunleather.com](http://www.GalcoGunleather.com)

The Combat Master's open-top design offers swift draw and presentation, while detailed molding provides secure retention. The butt-forward cant allows effective concealment of even a large defensive handgun. It has an open muzzle and fits belts up to 1.75 inches.



**10 GALCO INTERNATIONAL**  
MSRP  
**\$60**



**12 BLADE-TECH INDUSTRIES**  
MSRP  
**\$30**



**11 BLADE-TECH INDUSTRIES**  
MSRP  
**\$59**



**10 GALCO INTERNATIONAL**

Model: Triton Kydex IWB Holster  
WEBSITE: [www.GalcoGunleather.com](http://www.GalcoGunleather.com)  
This all-Kydex holster comes with a sweat guard to protect the gun's finish while you carry the gun inside the waistband. Ultra-thin construction offers more concealability.

**11 BLADE-TECH INDUSTRIES**

Model: IWB & OWB Total Eclipse Ambi Holster  
WEBSITE: [www.Blade-Tech.com](http://www.Blade-Tech.com)  
This Blade-Tech holster features an ambidextrous design, and can be worn either inside or outside the waistband. It's also adjustable for straight drop or FBI cant.

**12 BLADE-TECH INDUSTRIES**

Model: IWB Kript Holster  
WEBSITE: [www.Blade-Tech.com](http://www.Blade-Tech.com)  
The inside-the-waistband Kript Holster features an easy-on and easy-off design. It's very thin and super comfortable and has a straight drop.



**13 CROSSBREED  
HOLSTERS**  
MSRP  
**From \$70**



**14 GALCO  
INTERNATIONAL**  
MSRP  
**\$47**



**15 CROSSBREED  
HOLSTERS**  
MSRP  
**From \$74**

### 13 CROSSBREED HOLSTERS

Model: SuperTuck Deluxe

WEBSITE: [www.CrossBreedHolsters.com](http://www.CrossBreedHolsters.com)

This super comfortable inside-the-waist-band holster can be worn comfortably with your shirt tucked in or untucked. It's quite versatile and made from leather and Kydex.

### 14 GALCO INTERNATIONAL

Model: TacSlide Belt Holster

WEBSITE: [www.GalcoGunleather.com](http://www.GalcoGunleather.com)

This holster blends the economy of Kydex with the comfort of leather. The hybrid holsters are becoming more popular as concealment holsters.

### 15 CROSSBREED HOLSTERS

Model: Bedside Backup

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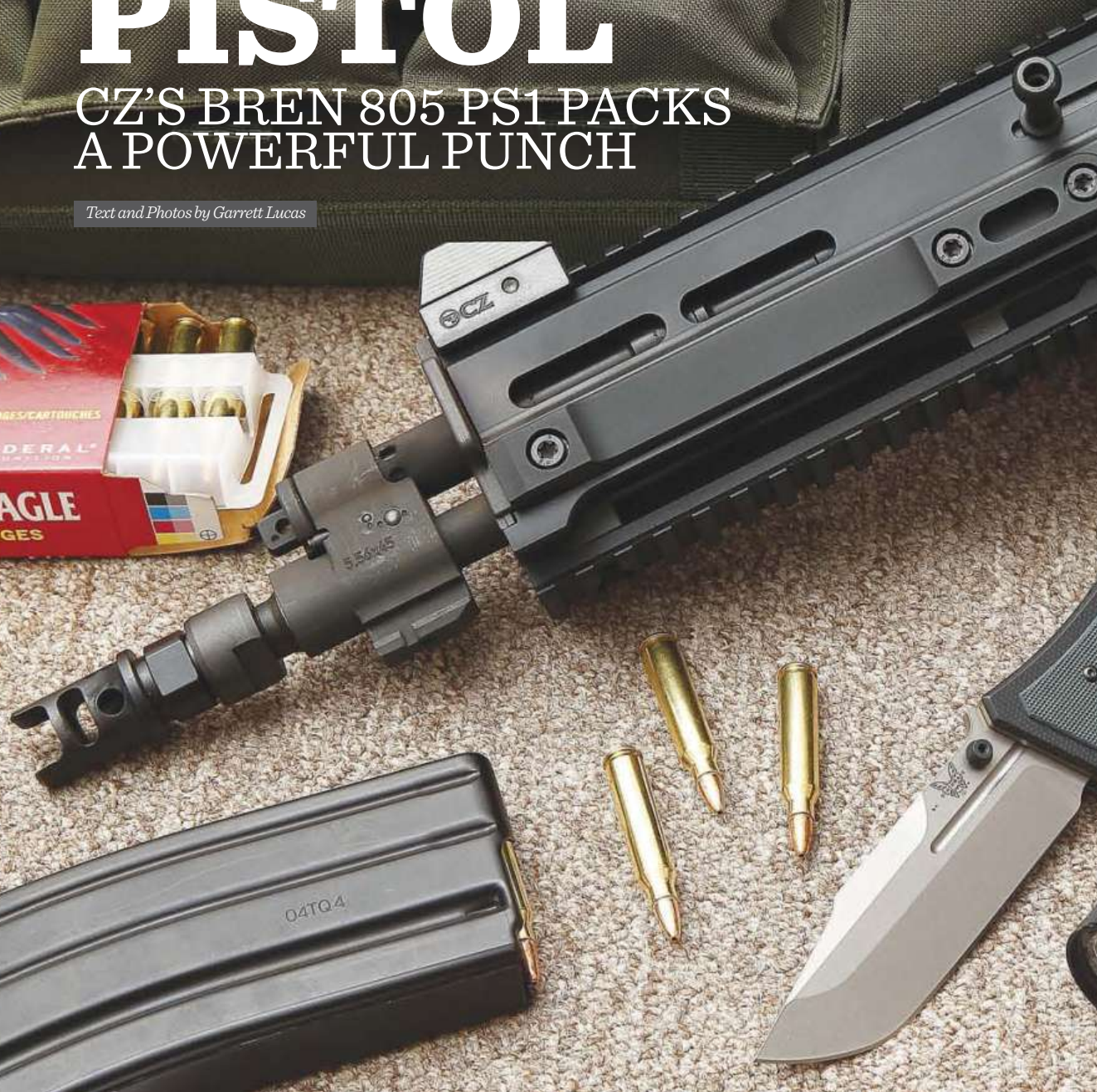
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# NOT YOUR FATHER'S CARRY PISTOL

CZ'S BREN 805 PS1 PACKS  
A POWERFUL PUNCH

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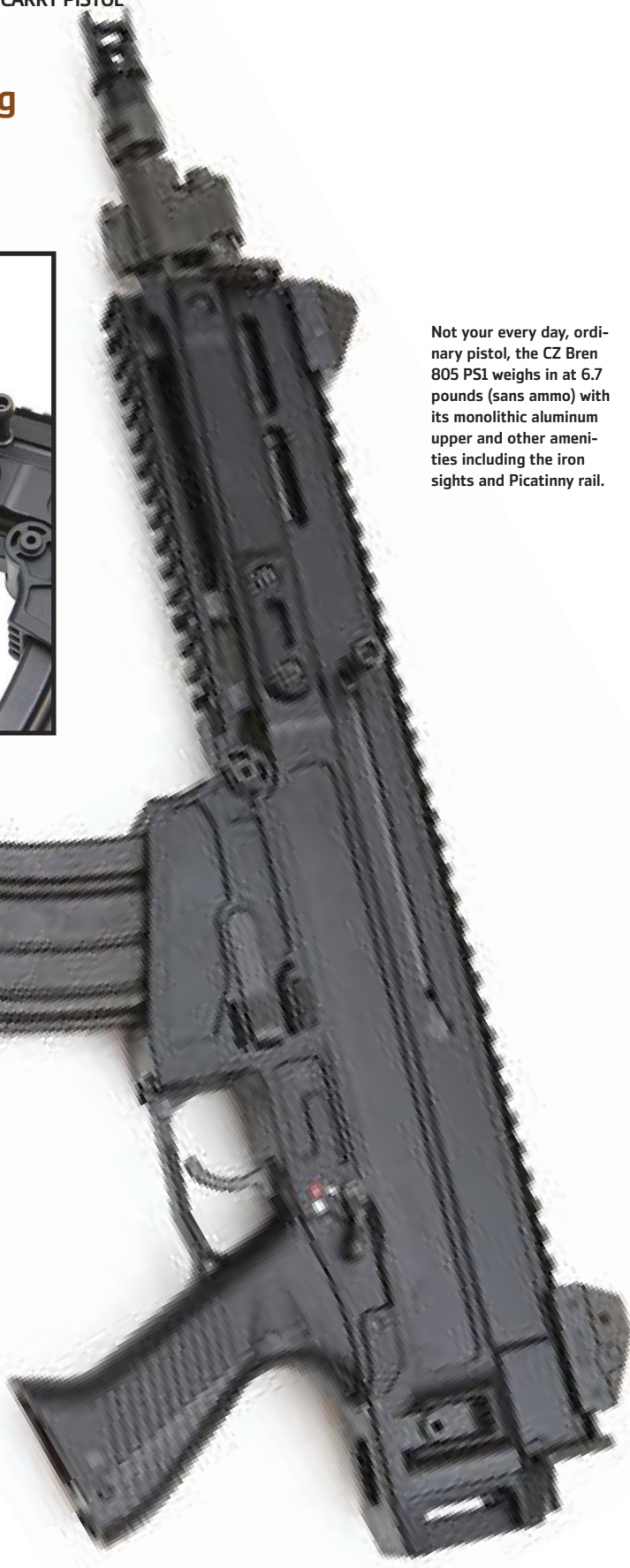


Bren 805 PS1 is a gas-piston-driven design and includes sling attachment points at the front and rear. It has Picatinny rails in both the twelve o'clock and six o'clock positions for the attachment of various accessories.

The 805 PS1 is a fully ambidextrous design that includes the sling attachment points, magazine release, and safety.



Not your every day, ordinary pistol, the CZ Bren 805 PS1 weighs in at 6.7 pounds (sans ammo) with its monolithic aluminum upper and other amenities including the iron sights and Picatinny rail.





LEFT: The PS1's rear iron sight is adjustable for windage and includes a rotating dial of various-sized apertures to meet the operator's requirements. RIGHT: As mentioned, the PS1 is an excellent platform to build a short-barreled rifle. To attach a stock, one pin needs to be removed and the plastic end block switched out for the new attachment. All applicable laws should be followed for such a modification.

**I**t seems that engineers and artists have been busy at Česká Zbrojovka these past few years. Besides building on their successful line of highly popular pistols and hunting rifles, they've also been putting the final touches on a couple of products new to the U.S. market. Earlier in the year, we saw the introduction of the CZ EVO 3 S1 9mm pistol that has attracted a lot of attention, and now we have the recently introduced CZ 805 Bren PS1 pistol.

This news may seem innocuous enough, as firearms factories introduce new pistols all the time. However, CZ has managed to capture the imaginations of the gun-buying public with their new products by tapping into the desires of consumers interested in new designs that bridge the gap between combat rifles and regular carry pistols. The 805 Bren PS1 is such an example.

## SO, WHAT IS IT?

The 805 Bren PS1 is, essentially, a pistol version of the Bren 805 combat rifle, which

was designed to eventually replace the Sa vz. 58 rifle, along with a handful of Bushmasters for the Czech Republic. There's a little more complexity to the history of its development, but for the purposes of this article, it's enough to know that it's the Czech Republic's official military service rifle. (Ironically enough, the actual Bren 805 rifle is not available on the U.S. market, though the pistol version is already stateside.)

Here in the United States, there's a rising trend of manufacturers offering pistol versions of full-length combat/military rifles and short-barreled rifles. It's all the rage now with the younger crowd. Basically, the manufacturer removes the stock of a regular or short-barreled rifle and has it legally certified as a pistol. In some cases, it makes really good sense, but there are other times when people scratch their heads in wonder.

For example, the Bren 805 PS1, while technically a pistol, is chambered for the .223/5.56x45mm round, has an 11-inch barrel, an aluminum upper, accepts high-

capacity STANAG magazines (think AR-15), and weighs 6.7 pounds (including the rear peep sight and front post sight). This doesn't really make for a package that conceals easily under a t-shirt.

## WHY?

So, why would a manufacturer convert a full-size military rifle into a pistol, and why do consumers buy them? Sub-guns converted to pistols make a little more sense, but why a regular rifle? On the surface, it's an easy question to answer on both sides. For the manufacturer, it's all about sales and making money. For the consumer, well, these weapons are pretty dang cool. History is replete with examples of full-size weapons being shortened for convenience, better concealability, or manageability in tighter areas, and they have been very popular with collectors.

Logistically speaking, though, when buyers wipe the stardust from their eyes, they've got an item that straddles the line between being a



truly effective weapon in a combat scenario, and an easily concealed defensive carry pistol. There is definitely a place for something like the Bren 805 PS1, and a couple of reasons come to mind fairly easily.


First, except for the rare instance, state concealed carry permits only pertain to handguns. My home state of Kentucky, on the contrary, allows a rifle or shotgun to be concealed, provided the individual has a Concealed Deadly Weapons License. Folks in most other states aren't that lucky.

When you consider, however, that a weapon like the Bren is certified as a pistol, then anyone with a concealed carry permit can legally have one stashed in their vehicle, or on their person, if they so desire. In doing so, they have afforded themselves a weapon with a longer sight radius (barrel), a more effective round, and a higher-capacity magazine than most pistols. Additionally, they also have a rail platform on which to add accessories to assist with their defense, such as optics, lasers and lights.

A large "pistol" like the Bren 805 PS1 can be a little awkward to hold, acquire a sight picture, and fire, but that issue can be worked around. For instance, CZ designed a sling attachment point at the rear of the Bren 805 that can be used with a single point sling. By wearing the pistol on a sling, the user can push the PS1 forward until the sling is taut. This stabilizes the swaying movement of the pistol and its accompanying sights, and aids in quicker target acquisition and better shot placement.

Another great reason to pick up a Bren 805 PS1 is that it's an excellent platform on which to build a short-barreled rifle. In urban areas and inside buildings or rooms, short-barreled rifles have proven their value with regard to maneuverability, in contrast to full-size rifles. Further, weapons manufactured by CZ are respected the world over, and having a short-barreled version of their service rifle would be an outstanding addition to the collection.



A person is shown from the back, wearing a black t-shirt and large black headphones. They are holding a rifle, and a yellow circular logo is visible on the back of their shirt. The background is a blurred field of green vegetation.

**"The 805 Bren PS1 is, essentially, a pistol version of the Bren 805 combat rifle ..."**



LEFT: While .223 rifles commonly turn in sub-inch groups at 100 yards, that result is not usually expected by pistols, even at 25 yards. With the SPARC II (IX), a .75-inch group was printed on the Halo Scope target from Thompson Target at 25 yards with the Bren 805 PS1. RIGHT: Getting tight groups is harder while standing, especially with a 6.7-pound pistol. But with the aid of the Vortex Sparc II and single-point sling for stabilization, one-inch groups were very doable, even though the PS1 is built for combat and not for target matches.

## MODDING THE PS1

In the case of the Bren 805 PS1, switching out a part and adding a stock takes under a minute, so there's no great mystery to getting started with the process. However, before an individual performs any such modification to a pistol, they must be approved by the BATFE, pay the appropriate fee, and receive the required official paperwork for said modifications.

Normally, rifles sold to civilians are required to have at least a 16-inch barrel. Anything shorter is illegal unless approved by the BATFE before the purchase or prior to making any changes to an existing rifle. Even adding a vertical foregrip to a pistol's 6 o'clock rail changes its status as a weapon, and also requires approval.

While having a short-barreled rifle is considered high on the bucket list for many

tactical firearms enthusiasts, this is an area of the law which can get very tricky. If each step of the process isn't followed to the letter, severe penalties can ensue, including prison time. If you're new to weapons of this type, you should direct your questions to the BATFE or a reputable Class III firearms dealer.

## THE GOODS

As mentioned, the upper is made of aluminum and incorporates a monolithic Picatinny rail, on which sits a fully-protected front sight adjustable for elevation. Also, atop the rail sits a rear peep sight adjustable for windage. That sight is actually a rotating device that offers four different aperture sizes for easier target acquisition or for more precise aiming.

The Bren 805 PS1 has a lot going for it

with regard to ergonomics and design characteristics. It has fully ambidextrous controls for both the magazine release and the safety switch. Also, the cocking handle can be changed from one side of the rifle to the other, according to user preference. Similar to the SCAR, it has a polymer lower, and it has a very comfortable pistol grip.

One trait that isn't ideal is the reciprocating bolt. Unless the user is careful with hand placement, it's very easy to get the weak hand's thumb in the way of the reciprocating bolt handle while firing. This is a painful experience, and a bad enough problem with a full-size rifle. With less area on the PS1, it can be more of an issue.

## MAKING PREPARATIONS...

In preparation for work on the range, a Vortex Optics SPARC II red-dot optic was





By accessorizing the Bren 805 PS1 with a single-point sling and a red-dot sight like the Vortex Optics SPARC II, the PS1 becomes tack-driving combat weapon.

mounted on the PS1's rail to add a little something extra to the experience. The SPARC II is a nice red-dot sight, especially for the money. It is 3.1 inches long and weighs just 5.9 ounces. The package offers spacers with the mount to adjust the height of the sight, and the mount fits standard Weaver or Picatinny rails. The SPARC II is Parallax free, waterproof, fog proof, has a 22mm objective, and comes with a lifetime warranty.

The red dot has 2MOA of coverage, which translates to an inch at 50 yards and half an inch at 25 yards, so you can get downright surgical if you want. The illuminated dot has 10 brightness settings, and the battery is rated for 300 hours at the maximum brightness setting. Overall, the size of the SPARC II package is ideal for a weapon like the PS1 where a compact profile is desired.

The ammo du jour was a supply of Fed-

eral American Eagle 55 grain FMJBT and 50 grain JHP. I've used this ammunition in a variety of .223 rifles and have always had good results with accuracy and function, so it was front and center for use with the PS1.

### GOING HOT!

Range day is always fun, but the sessions we had with the Bren 805 PS1 were outstanding for any number of reasons. We had few shooters on site to give us their impressions, and heads were nodding and faces were beaming after each one had their chance at the firing line.

Even though it's classified as a pistol, the 6.7-pound weight more than does its job of tamping down the recoil of the .223 rounds. Any muzzle rise at all was negligible and it was extremely easy to stay on target. Of course, with the 11-inch barrel, you definitely knew when a round went off, but the factory-installed muzzle brake did its job

while we did ours, which was to shoot fast and often.

The trigger pull registers 5.75 pounds on my scale, and while that doesn't sound very light, it's acceptable for a combat-oriented pistol of this type. Even so, the trigger pull was very smooth with no gritty feel or resistance. It's one of the best triggers I've tried on a production semi-automatic .223.

There were other positives we noticed while shooting. For instance, the ambidextrous safety is positioned so that it does not interfere with the index finger on the other side when it is manipulated by the thumb. Also, the action of the bolt felt like it was on buttered ball bearings — an incredibly smooth feel and operation.

Accuracy was exactly what I thought it would be considering my previous experience with CZ weapons. I did my testing at 25 yards, not 100 yards. Since the PS1 is a pistol and not a short-barreled rifle, I felt 25 yards was suffi-

cient. To really test accuracy at 100 yards, you need optics with a bit of magnification and that just doesn't fit with the compact sleek package the PS1 is meant to be.

Using American Eagle type ammunition supplied by Federal Premium Ammunition, we got excellent groups within the framework of how we were shooting the PS1. With the Vortex Optics SPARC II, we got sub-one-inch groups off a rest at 25 yards, and while standing at 15 yards, we were still able to get a five-shot group that was just a hair over an inch. Of the two loads we tried from Federal, it seems the PS1 preferred the 55 grain FMJBT round.

### ALL GOOD THINGS...

There are moments in each of our lives when we know that we will remember

them always, even as they are happening. That's a little how I feel right now. The Bren 805 PS1 has to return home, and it will be sorely missed. It lived up to the expectations I had based on previous experience with CZ firearms including reliability, accuracy, smooth operation, and a clean precision finish. It has its quirks. Hey, it's a 6.7-pound "pistol"! But even the quirky stuff becomes second nature to work with in time.

If you're looking for something to tuck under a light shirt, well, this isn't the right pistol choice for you. But if you're an enthusiast that's willing to learn how to handle an atypical system and create a carry package that works for you, then the CZ Bren 805 PS1 is a fantastic offering that's ready to roll when you are! **GWBG**

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# ROBUST, ELEGANT & ACCURATE

IWI'S 941F OFFERS GREAT  
PERFORMANCE IN A  
HELL-FOR-STOUT PACKAGE

*Story and Photos by Garrett Lucas*

**I**n 1990, Israel Military Industries (now Israel Weapons Industries) introduced a new pistol to the U.S. market known as the Jericho 941. Originally imported into the U.S. by K.B.I. Inc., it was also imported by O.F. Mossberg & Sons and Magnum Research, Inc. under different model names until it returned to K.B.I., Inc. in 2010.

But, it wasn't long after that until IWI set up shop in the United States to establish a closer manufacturing presence with the American gun-buying public because of ever-changing laws and import restrictions. Based on the popular CZ 75 design, the Jericho was originally issued in 9mm Luger and served as a platform for the (then) new, .41 Action Express caliber, hence the 941 moniker. However, with the introduction of 10mm Auto, and the subsequent sweeping popularity of the .40 S&W round, the .41 Action Express never quite found its stride. It was soon dropped by the manufacturer

and replaced with a 40 S&W offering. This was a fairly easy transition for IMI, as .41 AE was a hotter load than .40 S&W, and the frame was already appropriately sized for the changeover.

In 2015, IWI US began importing the Jericho 941 under the company's own name, and re-introduced the American public to the Jericho 941. Currently, the Jericho is offered in four basic configurations, two with a steel frame and two with a polymer frame. There is a full-size and a mid-size version of each, and all variations can be had in either 9mm Luger or .40 S&W. We received the full-size steel model (941F) in 9mm for review, and that's where our story begins.

### MAKING ACQUAINTANCES

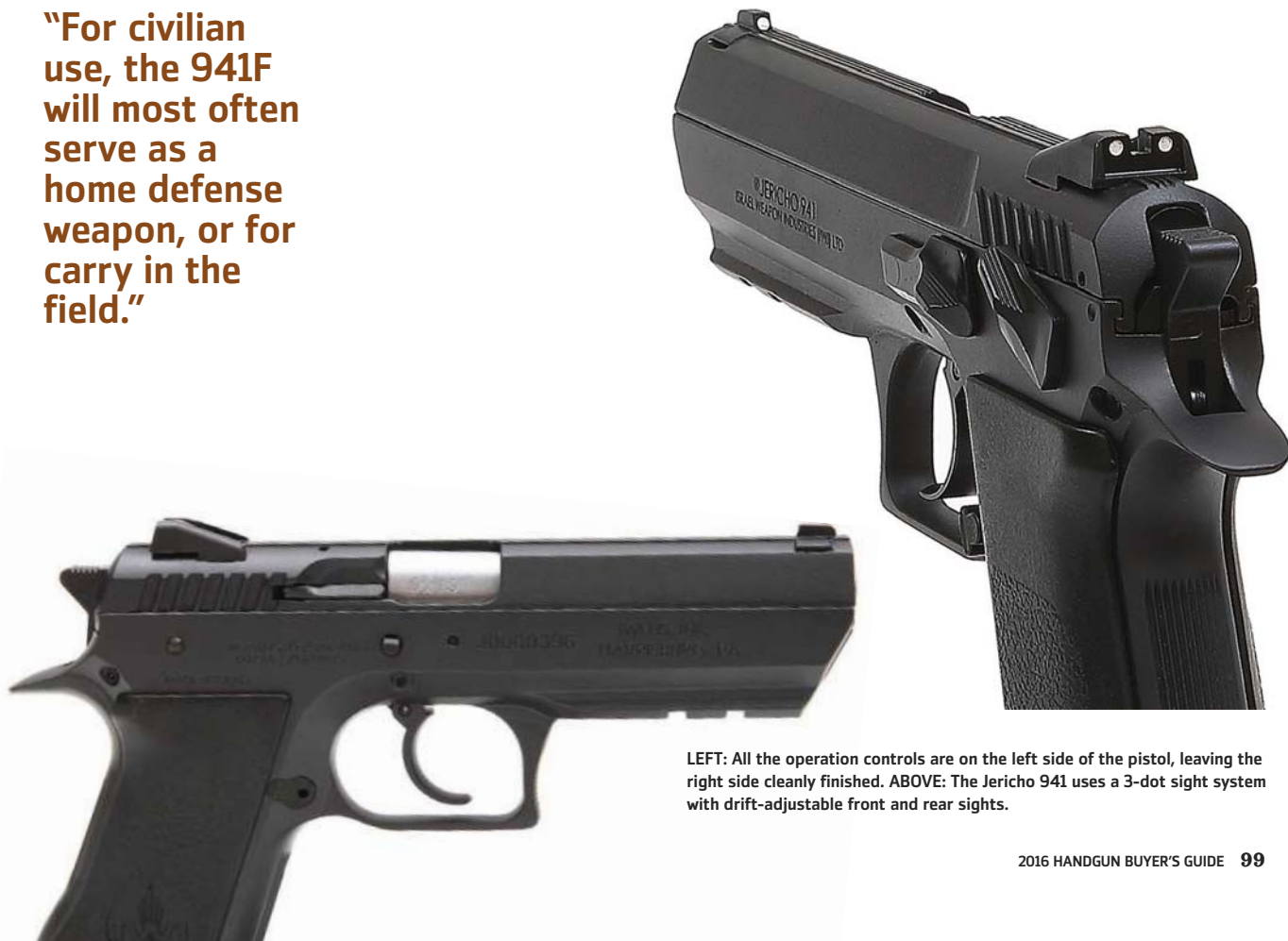
I actually requested the 941F since I've had my share of time with polymer pistols, and I was ready for a change of pace. You can certainly see the influence of the CZ 75

in the Jericho's design, though it lacks the CZ's more detailed sculpting in the handle area and along the end of the slide and dust cover.

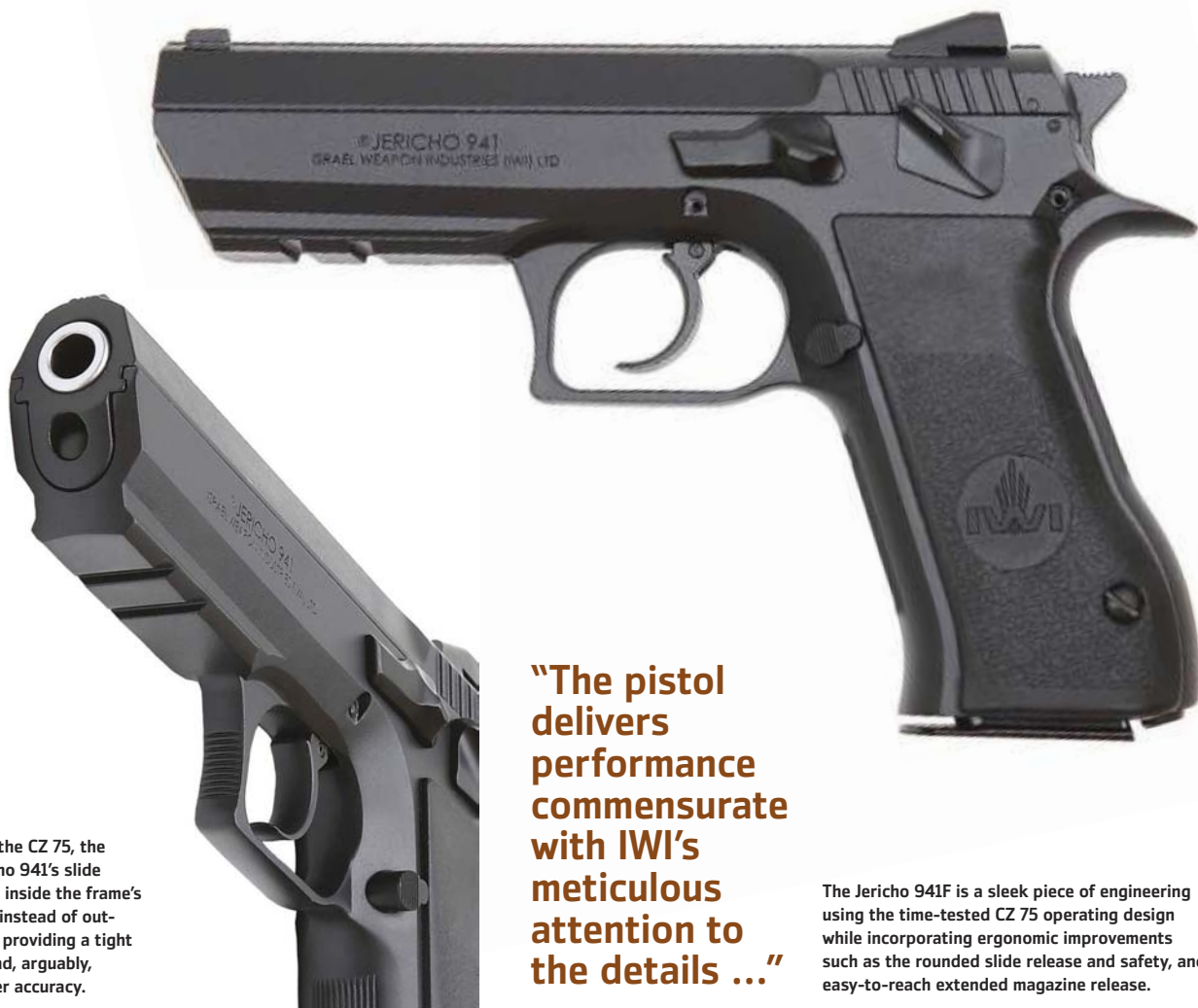
The Jericho 941F is definitely a hand-fill-in pistol with some heft to it, especially for a 9mm handgun. Most modern 9mm pistols with a metal frame use an aluminum alloy to reduce the overall weight of the pistol. This is not the case with the 941F, as it uses a steel frame. This results in reduced felt recoil and increased service life, but makes it harder to carry for extended periods of time.

Naturally, the full-size model is intended for duty use where a sturdier belt can be worn to support its weight. It is not intended as a concealed carry weapon, though it's possible with the right setup and an appropriately sized individual. For civilian use, the 941F will most often serve as a home defense weapon, or for carry in the field.

**"For civilian use, the 941F will most often serve as a home defense weapon, or for carry in the field."**



LEFT: All the operation controls are on the left side of the pistol, leaving the right side cleanly finished. ABOVE: The Jericho 941 uses a 3-dot sight system with drift-adjustable front and rear sights.



Like the CZ 75, the Jericho 941's slide rides inside the frame's rails instead of outside, providing a tight fit and, arguably, better accuracy.

**"The pistol delivers performance commensurate with IWI's meticulous attention to the details ..."**

The Jericho 941F is a sleek piece of engineering using the time-tested CZ 75 operating design while incorporating ergonomic improvements such as the rounded slide release and safety, and easy-to-reach extended magazine release.

## FEATURES

Sporting a 4.4-inch barrel, the 941F has an overall length of 8.2 inches and weighs 2.3 pounds. It comes with a cold hammer-forged Chrome-Moly barrel with a RH 1:10 twist for 9mm Luger, and a 1:16 twist for .40 S&W. From the top of the rear sight to the bottom of the inserted magazine, the overall height of the 941F is 5.5 inches.

Like the CZ 75 and its various clones, the Jericho 941's slide rides inside the rails, rather than outside like with most other pistols. Some proponents credit this attribute for a tighter frame-to-slide fit, which they claim adds to the accuracy of the system. From my own experience, I can attest

to the exceptional accuracy of my own personal CZ 75B, but time would tell if that would hold true for the Jericho.

An unusual feature for double-action pistols, the Jericho, like the CZ 75, can be carried in the cocked-and-locked position. This is to say that, rather than needing to begin with the heavier double-action pull for the first shot, the user can cock the hammer and switch on the safety. The user can then engage a target with a single-action first shot after flipping down the safety.

Many shooters find starting off with a single-action trigger pull is more efficient and consistent than having to transition from a double-action pull for the first shot

to a single-action pull for each shot thereafter. In this regard, the Jericho 941 is like the 1911, as it can be carried "cocked and locked," also known as Condition 1. However, the Jericho does not have the additional grip safety found on the 1911 style-pistol, which is one less safeguard against an accidental discharge.

While we're on the subject of trigger pulls, the Jericho's single-action trigger pull came in at a nice, clean 4.25 pounds, while the double-action pull was 12.5 pounds. Certainly, the double-action pull can be mastered, but the appeal for the lighter single-action pull is certainly understandable. The general consensus, however, is that ex-





TOP: The Black Hills 124 grain JHP +P load turned in the best group of the day out of the various loads that were tried with the Jericho, coming just in at 1 7/8 inches at 25 yards. LEFT: The weight of the Jericho's frame made even the +P loads very controllable, with very little muzzle rise. These 10 rounds to the head and chest on this Thompson Target B27STOP-UT silhouette target were a rapid-fire string at 15 yards.

## + SPECS

**Caliber:** 9mm Luger, .40 S&W  
**Action:** Semi-auto  
**Operating System:** Short recoil  
**Overall Length:** 8.2 inches  
**Barrel Length:** 4.4 inches  
**Height:** 5.5 inches  
**Weight:** 2.3 pounds  
**Magazine Capacity:** 16 rounds (9mm), 12 rounds (.40 S&W)  
**Barrel Type:** Cold hammer-forged  
**MSRP:** \$649

tensive training should be undertaken to safely carry a pistol in the cocked-and-locked position.

The ergonomics of the Jericho 941F are actually pretty good. Despite its larger size, the slide release is both comfortable and easy to employ with its curved and rounded edges. The short, frame-mounted safety retains its position positively, but is still easy for the user to wipe off before engaging the target.

Riding atop the slide is a three-dot sight system with a low-profile rear sight. IWT's website lists the sights as adjustable, and while both the front and rear sights are drift adjustable, there is no provision for adjust-

ing elevation. For a combat pistol of this sort, that is the rule, not the exception, so this is not an issue for the most part.

A couple of other nice touches include a slightly extended magazine release that is simple to employ, a loaded chamber indicator, and an integrated Picatinny rail that can be used to mount accessories, such as weapons lights or even a laser sighting system.

### AT THE FIRING LINE

Many assumptions can be made about a firearm based on its fit and finish, heritage, and overall design. However, nothing is definite until rounds are sent downrange and

the results are analyzed.

To help with this process, Black Hills Ammunition sent a supply of ammunition that we used to evaluate the Jericho 941F. It included their 115 grain JHP EXP and 124 grain JHP +P loads. Both are premium rounds for self-defense, and aren't priced for all-day plinking, so I threw in a mix of standard FMJ rounds, including 147 grain rounds from my supply to get the ball rolling, and also some +P+ hollowpoint loads to test the felt recoil of the all-steel pistol.

It felt good to shoot a pistol with a steel frame again, and the heft of the 941F definitely diminished the recoil of the 9mm



The all-steel frame of the Jericho 941 tames the recoil of even the hottest loads, resulting in faster recovery for quicker and more accurate follow-up shots.

rounds I was throwing at the targets. Standard pressure FMJ rounds barely earned any kind of muzzle rise, and even the hottest +P+ solicited only a slight chuckle.

The first couple of hundred rounds were fired to break the pistol in, though it wasn't needed, as there wasn't a single malfunction with the various loads I put through it. Both of the Black Hills loads cycled through the Jericho flawlessly, even with the different pressure levels. The 115 grain JHP EXP and the 124 grain JHP +P are both rated by the factory with a velocity of 1,200 feet per second, though the pressure and felt recoil of the 124 grain round was more substantial.

During this phase of testing, I wanted to try something I read about just for giggles. I

had read that the Jericho 941 would accept CZ 75 magazines, and since I had lots of those on hand, I made sure to run the Jericho with those as well. Again, function was flawless while firing the Jericho with the CZ magazines, and after four magazines' worth of shooting, we figured the point was made. So, for those considering the Jericho 941, it helps make the decision easier if you already have a CZ 75 and plenty of spare magazines on hand.

### ON PAPER

Of course, one of the most important aspects of any firearm is its performance with regard to accuracy. The debate about caliber size and stopping power aside, shot place-

ment is critical to ending a firefight. Therefore, I set up on a bench at 25 yards to see what kind of accuracy I could wring out of the Jericho.

While most standards for pistol accuracy are established at 25 yards, those tests are usually done with machine rests where the human factor (i.e., hold, movement, etc.) can be eliminated. It's tough with my eyes to see a 1-2 inch area well enough at 25 yards to test for real accuracy, especially with combat sights. But, if I can consistently get groups in the 2-3 inch range, then I'll know the pistol is capable of more once I'm out of the equation.

One thing that I noticed during both the reliability and accuracy testing was that al-



The different loads of Black Hills ammunition performed flawlessly in the Jericho 941, with the pistol's seeming preference to be the heavier 124 grain JHP +P round.

most every load I tried shot low about 4-5 inches. This doesn't really matter much when testing for accuracy, but it does matter when it comes to shot placement in a real world scenario. Even at 15 yards, the groups were low.

The groups themselves were respectable enough, with the generic FMJ's coming in at the 3-4 inch range, and the Black Hills 115 grain JHP EXP doing slightly better. I decided to try out some Federal 115 grain 9PBLE +P+ ammunition that I still run with, and bingo! It shot true to point of aim, relatively speaking, and I finally had a group that didn't hit low. I ran three more five-shot groups, and got similar results, with the best group dead-on at two inches.

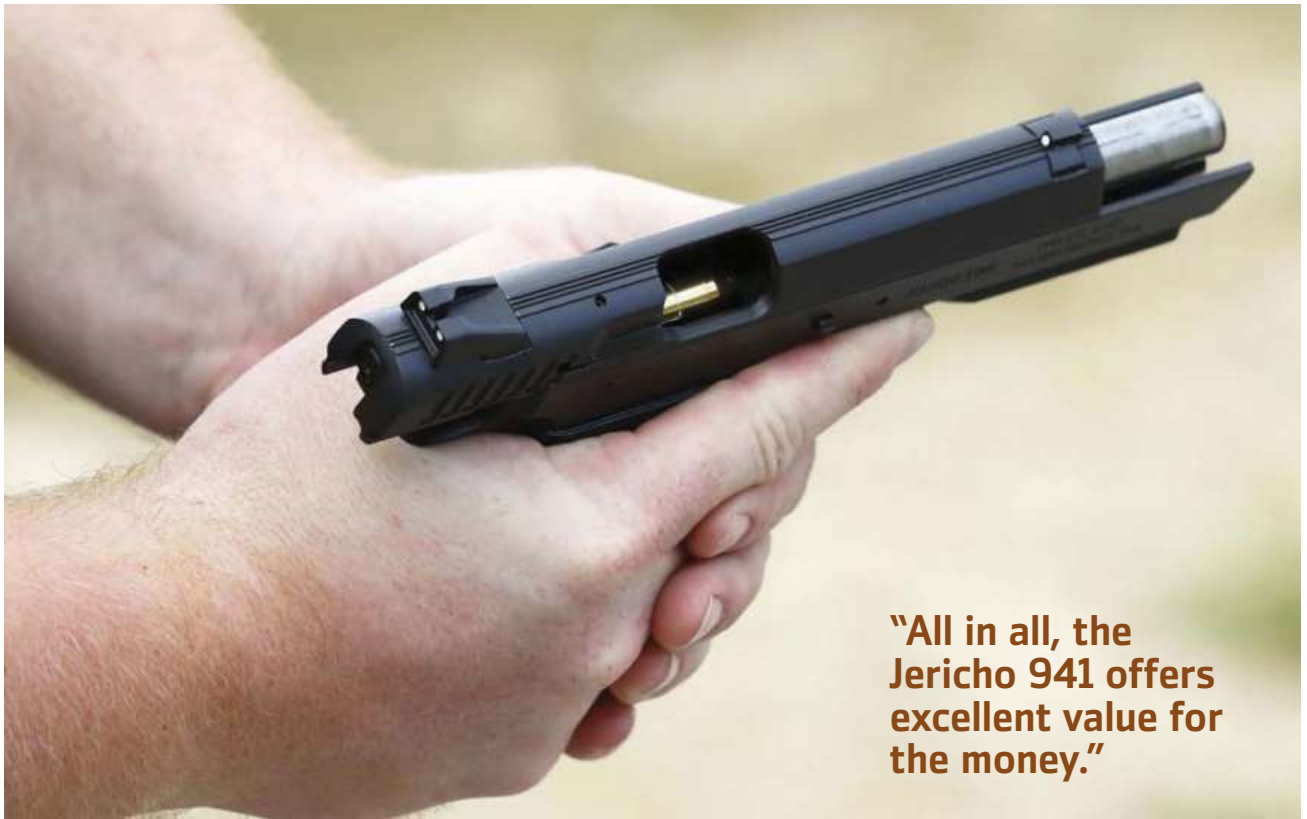
I thought this was as good as it was going to get, but I still had the Black Hills 124 grain JHP +P loads to run, and 'twas a good thing I did. I shot a box of 20 rounds, with one five-shot group coming in just a hair over two inches, but another group squeezed under the bar at 1 7/8 inches. When the smoke cleared and the dust settled, Black Hills brought home the ribbon for the best group of the day.

These were excellent accuracy results when you consider the human factor, and that type of performance far exceeds typical needs when shooting within typical combat distances. However, I do think the issued sights could be adjusted at the factory to elevate the point of impact, especially for



The Jericho uses steel, 16-round magazines, and can utilize standard magazines for the CZ 75.





**"All in all, the Jericho 941 offers excellent value for the money."**

The slide of the Jericho 941F rides inside the rails rather than outside, and the full length dust cover adds an aesthetically appealing touch for a clean finish.

ammunition that's readily available to typical consumers.

### LAST WORDS ...

It may not be in vogue right now to consider a pistol that isn't striker-fired or that doesn't have a polymer frame, but there is a definite upside to having one that utilizes a time-tested operating design, and that's built like an Abrams tank. The Jericho 941's all-steel frame is built for a lifetime of service, and then some. The pistol delivers performance commensurate with IWI's meticulous attention to the details of the Jericho's construction, and its overall fit and finish.

All in all, the Jericho 941 offers excellent value for the money. It has a suggested MSRP of \$649, and current street prices are considerably less. Taking into account



Like many modern combat pistols on the market, the Jericho has an integrated Picatinny rail for the attachment of various accessories.

the performance and reliability of this package, along with IWI's storied history in providing top-tier weapons for Israeli security forces the past few decades, it's hard to go wrong with adding the Jericho 941F to your stable of service weapons. If you're young or just unfamiliar with steel-framed pistols, give this one a try. Once you do, you might have to re-think your world! **GWBG**

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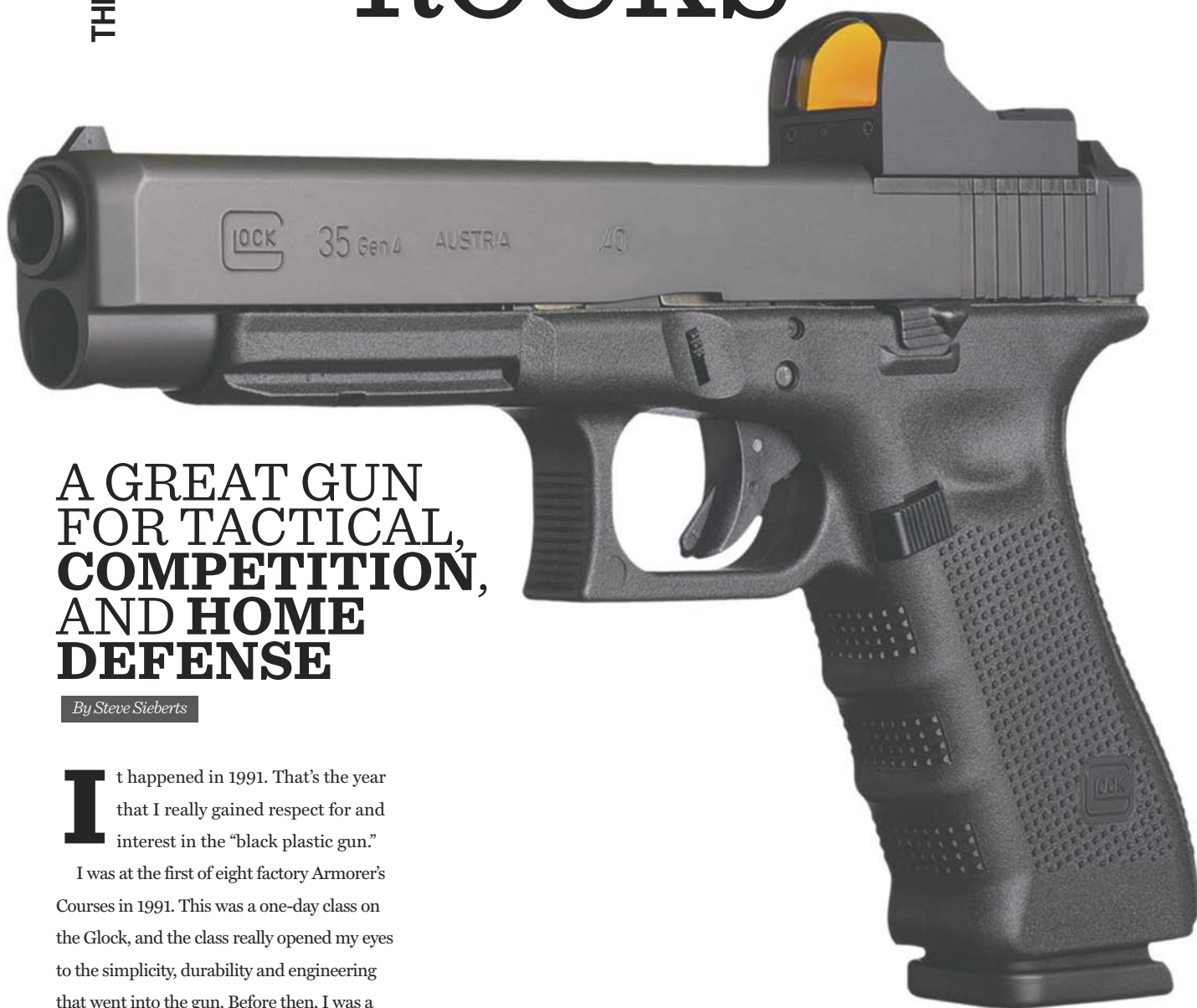


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**COMPETITION,**  
AND **HOME**  
**DEFENSE**

*By Steve Sieberts*

**I**t happened in 1991. That's the year that I really gained respect for and interest in the "black plastic gun."

I was at the first of eight factory Armorer's Courses in 1991. This was a one-day class on the Glock, and the class really opened my eyes to the simplicity, durability and engineering that went into the gun. Before then, I was a dyed-in-the-wool 1911 guy, and it took some time to come over to the other side.



I bought my first Glock pistol, a G17, two weeks after attending the Armorer's Course. I still have that gun and could not begin to tell you how many thousands of rounds I've put through it over the years with zero broken parts and very few malfunctions.

The G35 MOS is the latest iteration of the venerable pistol, and we'll delve into it in this review.

## WHAT'S ONBOARD

The G35 MOS has the standard features that shooters around the world know and love. The pistol is a Safe Action, striker-fired handgun, with a 5.3-inch barrel rifled in a hexagonal configuration. The barrel is rifled with a twist rate of 1 turn in 9.84 inches, with a right hand twist. The pistol weighs a shade over 28 ounces unloaded, and the trigger pull, as measured on my NRA weights, came in at 4.6 pounds with about a half-inch of travel.

## BETTER SIGHTING

Personally, I like the G35's longer-than-average sight radius — the distance between the back of the rear sight to the back of the front sight blade — a critical and often underappreciated aspect of pistol marksmanship. You see, the further the front sight is away from the rear sight, the easier it becomes for the eye to pick up discrepancies in any misalignment of the sights. So, when the sight radius is longer, accurate aiming with the sights is easier. I believe this is partially why the G35 pistol dominates Limited Class IPSC competition.

The sight radius on the G35 is a hefty 7.55 inches, as opposed to the 6.69 inches of the custom Caspian 1911 I built with lo-mount Bomar rear sight. Compare that to my Bullseye pistol that I shot with the Army Marksmanship Unit for years where precision is the name of the game and the 10 ring is about 3 inches in diameter and is shot at 50 yards. That pistol has a Bomar



rib with an extended rib with a freakishly long 8.6-inch sight radius.

## ADDED INSIGHT

If iron sights aren't your preference, you can mount optical sights instead.

I tested the G35 MOS model, which stands for Modular Optic System. This system allows for easy mounting of a wide variety of the most popular optical sights. The pistols that are available in the MOS configuration are the G34, G35, G40, and G41,

The CrossBreed OWB is an excellent holster for both competition and carry. This shot shows how even large guns can be carried and concealed easily with the right holster.

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# + Range Results

AMMO BRAND	AMMO TYPE	BULLET WEIGHT	GROUP SIZE 5 shots @ 20 yds
Nosler Match	JHP	180 grain	1.125
Remington Golden Sabre	JHP (Brass jacketed)	165 grain	1.425
Black Hills Ammunition	Barnes Tac-XP	140 grain	1.321
Hornady	FlexLock	175 grain	1.233
Hornady	Custom XTP	180 grain	1.024
Hornady	Critical Duty	165 grain	1.401
American Eagle	FMJ	180 grain	1.533



TOP: My Son, Kyle thought the pistol was easy to shoot, very accurate and fast on target with the Leupold Delta Point. BELOW: The Glock with the Leupold Delta Point sight mounted, shot pretty close to point of aim, point of impact at 25 yards. The Glock/Delta Point combination also shot very good groups with the Hornady Critical Duty ammunition.



**"... the Delta Point on the G35 made for some very fast split times on standard IPSC targets at 15 yards."**

and these guns are chambered in 9mm Luger, .40 S&W, 10mm, and .45 ACP, respectively. The following optic brands can be mounted on these pistols: EOTech, Docter, Insight, Meopta, Trijicon RMR, the C-MORE, and the Leupold Delta Point, which I chose to install.

The Leupold Delta Point sight is mounted on the Glock by way of removing the top plate on the slide in front of the rear sight. Glock includes adapter plates to allow sights to be mounted to virtually any pistol. The Delta Point comes with either a 3.5 MOA dot, or a 7.5 MOA inverted triangle.

The delta Point also has Motion Sensing technology — the sight goes to sleep if not moved for 5 minutes, but “wakes up” when the gun is picked up or when it detects movement. The sight also has Intelligent Brightness Control, which senses the ambient lighting, and it makes adjustments to the intensity of the dot. You can override this feature in the new Delta Point Pro model and set the dot intensity manually. The sight also has 60 MOA of both horizontal and vertical adjustments.



The three pistols shown, have different distances in sight radius. The Bullseye gun on top, where accuracy is critical, has a sight radius of 8.6 inches, the Glock G35 in the middle has a radius of 7.73 inches, and the custom Caspian 1911 5-inch Government model I built, has a radius of 6.69 with the Bomar sight installed. Longer sight radii make it easier to shoot more accurately (see sidebar).

### INSPIRED INSERTS

The G35 also comes with interchangeable backstrap inserts — it's easy to pop in your favorite. I really like these inserts because they provide a little more hand-filling material in your palm, and it also gets the back tang of the receiver up a little higher, which improves recoil control.

The .40 S&W is not a hard recoiling cartridge, but since this pistol makes a great competition gun, anything to cut down recoil makes long hours of practice easier. It has an additional benefit of shaving tenths of a second off the shooters' time in competition. The inserts are held in with a cross pin which is punched out easily with the included tool.

### EASY UNDO

Disassembly of the G35 pistol is the same as with all Glocks; ensure the gun is unloaded and press the trigger, then drop the disassembly latch with both fingers and push the slide and barrel off simultaneously. The recoil spring is the familiar dual-spring configuration. The slide has a cutout to reduce its

## + How Sight Radius Works

The Glock G35 is one of the most dominate guns in Limited Class practical shooting today. The combination of its outstanding power, a long sight radius, high accuracy, good reliability and an optimum grip angle, which helps control recoil for fast double taps, makes this a formidable gun in competitive shooting arenas.

The gun is pretty much ready to go right out of the box and can also be used as an excellent gun for home defense, so it's easy to see why it's so popular.

The longer sight radius (7.55 inches) really enhances the gun's accuracy potential. This is due to the fact that the longer the sight radius,

the easier it is for the shooter to pick up tiny misalignments between the front and rear sights. The eye and the brain operate fast enough so that the shooter can pick up these minor misalignments even at speed.

In other words: take a shooter with a handgun with a 3.5-inch sight radius, and let them fire five shots at 10 seconds at 15 yards. Then have the same shooter fire five shots with a handgun with a 7.7-inch sight radius.

The accuracy difference, i.e., group size will be noticeable, all things being equal. Try it the next time you go to the range, if you can.





The Glock G35 MOS disassembles just like every other Glock pistol into the main component parts. The recoil spring is the familiar dual-spring arrangement.



Left to Right: The removable top plate of the G35 allows the accompanying adapters to be able to mount a wide variety of optical sights to the gun. • The Glock comes with 4 backstrap inserts that allow the shooter to tailor the fit of the gun to the individual. This really helps contribute to the guns' overall recoil control and "shootability." • This shot shows how, when the backstrap is installed, the shooter can get a high hold on the gun, which helps control the gun during recoil by funneling the recoil up the arm.

weight so the slide recoil speed and recoil characteristics mimic the G17. By doing so, the factory can use the same recoil spring setup and save on manufacturing costs.

## RANGE TIME

So, once I took a good look under the hood and got the sight mounted, I headed to the range.

I thought the sight would take some time to get boresighted and up and running, but luckily, this was not the case as the

sight/gun combo was pretty close to POA/POI at 25 yards. Close enough that I just used the gun/sight combo as is without adjustment time. I took several types and weights of .40 S&W ammo to the range, and was not surprised with the results.

I included three types of Hornady, one from Black Hills, some older Remington Golden Sabre, Federals' American Eagle and Nosler Match (see chart). The Hornady 180 grain Custom XTP came in with the smallest group size, but they all shot very well.

## FINAL TAKE

I paired the gun with the CrossBreed OWB holster and mag pouch, and this setup made for a comfortable and very concealable gun/holster combination, especially for a larger gun such as the G35. The gun/holster combo would also be a good setup for IDPA competition.

My son accompanied me to the range and also gave the G35 with the Delta point sight a good workout. He found the gun very easy to shoot and very accurate with



**TOP LEFT:** The slide cutout on the G35 allows a longer slide, with the corresponding longer sight radius, to have the same slide mass, weight and slide recoil speed as the smaller G17, which lets the manufacturer use the same recoil spring system, saving costs. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The Leupold Delta Point sight incorporates Intelligent Brightness Control, which makes adjustments to the intensity of the dot based on ambient lighting. The pointer shows where the IBC sensor is located.



the factory barrel.

The pistol was manageable even when performing one-hand shooting drills. I brought the gun out to the range on two shooting sessions and shot the pistol with both the Delta Point and with iron sights, and even though I'm a diehard iron sight aficionado, the Delta Point on the G35 made for some very fast split times on standard IPSC targets at 15 yards.

All in all, I've always had a healthy respect for the Glock pistols, and with the new MOS series, they've made a great gun even better and more versatile. **GWBG**

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# Hot & Affordable







# 10 HANDGUNS FOR LESS THAN \$500

*By Brad Fitzpatrick*

**D**on't you just love those win-win situations? Here's a perfect example.

You don't have to spend a lot of money to purchase a handgun that is reliable, accurate, and built to survive thousands and thousands of rounds and the abuse of daily carry.

Modern machining techniques and new finishes make today's guns lighter, more robust, and, yes, more affordable than ever before. From pocket revolvers that are light enough for daily carry to full-sized semi-autos for target shooting, duty, and home defense, here's a list of what we feel are the best guns less than \$500.

**"If you're looking for a lightweight revolver that goes bang every time you pull the trigger, then this (S&W J-frame) is a great option ..."**



### 01 CZ-P07

MSRP  
**\$510**

WEB: [www.CZ-USA.com](http://www.CZ-USA.com)

The CZ P-07 (and the larger P-09, shown here) have MSRPs that are just a bit above \$500, but street price should fall below that mark, and for the money you're getting an excellent pistol that is durable and accurate.



### 02 RUGER9E

MSRP  
**\$429**

WEB: [www.Ruger.com](http://www.Ruger.com)

The Ruger 9E is a striker-fired semi-auto that is thin enough for concealed carry yet shoots like a true full-sized gun. It's certainly an excellent value.



### 03 DIAMONDBACK FS NINE

MSRP  
**\$483**

WEB: [www.DiamondbackFirearms.com](http://www.DiamondbackFirearms.com)

Diamondback has sold compact, inexpensive carry guns for years, but the FS Nine is their first attempt at a full-sized semiauto. This striker-fired semi-auto boasts a 15+1 capacity.



#### 04 SIG SAUER P250

MSRP

**\$466**

WEB: [www.SigSauer.com](http://www.SigSauer.com)

The SIG Sauer P250 is a modular handgun system, which means you can change grip size and caliber.

Your compact carry gun can also turn into a full-sized target semi-auto with minimal effort.

#### 01 CZ-P07

Okay, I cheated a bit here, but the P-07 has an MSRP of \$510, and a measly \$10 shouldn't keep you away from a gun this good. Besides, street prices will bring this great gun in below the 500 mark. For that, you're getting a heck of a lot of gun.

Like its progenitor, the CZ 75, the P-07 has rails that run on the inside of the frame as opposed to over the frame (like a 1911), giving these guns very tight tolerances that result in accuracy. The ambidextrous de-cocker/manual safety is easy to use and intuitive, and the edges of the gun have been dehorned, making the P-07 a comfortable gun to carry all day long.

CZ's grip ergonomics are among the best in the industry, and this is one comfortable gun to shoot. Accuracy is aided by the Omega trigger system, which has minimal parts and a smooth, consistent break. The P-07 is one well-built semiauto that is large enough to shoot comfortably yet doubles as a concealed carry gun. Whatever you use it for, you're going to like it.

#### 02 RUGER 9E

Based on the successful SR line of striker-fired semi-autos, the 9E carries an MSRP of \$429, and it comes with a long list of great features, including an ambidextrous safety, reversible backstrap, an accessory rail that's

large enough to accommodate lights and lasers, and three-dot fixed sights.

The glass-filled nylon grips are slim but very comfortable, and this gun shoots like a full-sized semi-auto despite the fact that it weighs just 27 ounces unloaded and measures a little more than an inch wide.

The slide is made of alloy steel, and it comes with a black oxide finish, and you can choose between 10+1 or 17+1 capacity models. This basic 9mm striker-fired semi-auto doesn't have a lot of bells and whistles, but it has everything you need.

#### 03 DIAMONDBACK FS NINE

Diamondback has a reputation for building compact, affordable guns, but the FS Nine is their first full-sized semi-auto.

It features a 4.75-inch Chromemoly barrel, stainless slide and polymer frame, and the large grip is comfortable even for shooters with large hands. The short-reset trigger breaks at about 5.5 pounds, and this striker-fired semi-auto utilizes a double-stack magazine that boasts an impressive capacity of 15+1.

The lengthened sight radius helps with accuracy, and the fixed three-dot sights are highly visible yet are contoured so they won't hang if you opt to carry this gun concealed. Speaking of concealed carry, the FS Nine is just one inch wide despite its full-sized proportions, so it won't bulge from your waistband if you opt to

wear it in an IWB holster.

The gun also comes with a flared mag well that allows for quick, positive reloads and a large accessory rail on the dust cover that is perfect for mounting lights and lasers.

#### 04 SIG SAUER P250

SIG Sauer is known for making good guns, not inexpensive guns, but the P250 is both.

At first glance it simply looks like a polymer-framed, DAO semi-auto, but in reality the P250 system is one of the most interesting concepts to come along in handguns in years. The P250 is a modular handgun, one that is capable of switching calibers and grip sizes. Not only that, each grip size (sub-compact, compact and full) offers additional backstrap adjustment so that you can have a gun that fits you like a tailored suit.

The P250 is available in 9mm, .40 S&W, .357 SIG, and .45, and the modularity of this gun makes it extremely versatile. In addition, it's just 1.4 inches wide, and the sleek design with minimized controls makes it a great choice for all-day carry.

A tough Nitron slide finish protects this gun from the corrosive effects of perspiration, and the DA trigger is smooth and requires about a six-pound pull to fire. The P250 is not only a great gun, but when you save up some additional dough you can have several guns in one.



## 05 WALTHER PPX

MSRP  
**\$499**

WEB: [www.WaltherArms.com](http://www.WaltherArms.com)



The PPX is the antithesis of the sleek, small PPK, but it is a handgun that is affordable and extremely reliable. It's also very accurate, and that unique grip is highly functional.

Walther is perhaps best known as the brand of firearm that Bond carried, but the sleek little PPK that 007 carried is the antithesis of the brawny PPX. Despite its high profile, hard edges and sledgehammer looks, the PPX is a refined and functional full-sized semi-auto that is priced below much of the competition.

I've been to the Walther factory outside of Ulm and have watched the attention that the

company gives their budget PPX guns, from the CNC-machined and Tenifer-coated slides to the internal parts. Even the magazines are top-quality, robust and easy to load.

The PPX is a hammer-fired semi-auto, but the hammer is spurless and won't hang on clothing when the gun is drawn. The trigger pull is moderately heavy but very consistent, and the PPX undergoes Walther's rigorous 15,000-round torture test and drop tests.

There's no manual safety, but the PPX does have two drop and one firing pin block safeties, and the controls have a snag-free low-profile design yet they are easy to locate when firing the gun. The radically-curved grip is unique but very comfortable to hold and keeps the gun planted when firing. It's available with either a black or stainless Tenifer slide and comes in either 9mm or .40 S&W.



## 06 WALTHER CCP

MSRP  
**\$469**

WEB: [www.WaltherArms.com](http://www.WaltherArms.com)

The CCP utilizes a brand-new design with a fixed barrel, and it incorporates Walther's Soft Coil system that reduces felt recoil and allows for faster follow-ups.

Walther's second entry in under \$500 group, the CCP, represents an evolution in compact pistol design. With the PPK and the PK380 already established and selling well, Walther owned a portion of the compact pistol market. But the brand set about designing a more modern, more user-friendly semi-auto for anyone who carries concealed, and the CCP is what the engineers in Ulm came up with.



## 07 TAURUS REVOLVERS

MSRP

**\$371-488**

WEB: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)

Taurus offers a wide variety of revolvers chambered in .22 and .38/.357. These great revolvers are available in compact carry version (with or without an exposed hammer spur) as well as larger target models with a 4-inch barrel.

Taurus offers a host of double-action revolvers that fall below the \$500 mark, so there are a number of great options for wheelgun enthusiasts.

For concealed carry, the classic 605 in either blued or stainless offers a five-round capacity and a short two-inch barrel for maximum concealment, and with an un-

The CCP's design is a departure from other small semi-autos; it relies on a blow-back design with a fixed barrel, and it vents gas through a hole in front of the chamber to help cycle the action. A piston under the barrel slows the slide's rearward movement imperceptibly. The result is what Walther refers to as Soft Coil, and, as the name implies, recoil is dampened.

loaded weight of just 24 ounces, these guns are small enough and light enough for daily concealment.

If you prefer an internal hammer, the 850 DAO revolver in .38 +P is a great option, and it falls well below the \$500 price mark. Looking for a larger revolver for target shooting and home defense? The Model 65 is available in .357 Magnum with a 4-inch barrel and boasts a capacity of six rounds.

All models are backed by Taurus's excellent warranty and feature the TSS locking system, making these wheelguns a great choice whether you're looking for a home defense, target, or carry revolver.

The CCP's design also requires a lighter spring, so less force is required to work the slide and chamber a cartridge. The result is a lightweight pistol that recoils less, is easier to operate and lasts for a long, long time. The slide is CNC-machined and the tolerances are very tight, making this a gun that will last for years, even with heavy abuse.



## 08 TAURUS MILLENNIUM G2

MSRP

**\$302**

WEB: [www.TaurusUSA.com](http://www.TaurusUSA.com)

The Taurus Millennium G2 is lightweight and easy to carry, yet it boasts an impressive 12+1 capacity. The "melted" edges make for comfortable carry.

Taurus is a brand on the move, increasing their market share in recent years by offering a wide range of handguns at budget prices and backing them with an outstanding warranty.

The Millennium G2 was Taurus's take on the compact SA/DA semi-auto built for concealed carry, and with an MSRP that's just about a cup of coffee above 300 bucks, it's one of the least expensive carry guns on the market. Features include adjustable sights, a 12+1 capacity in 9mm, loaded chamber indicator, manual safety, and the Taurus Safety System (TSS), which allows the gun to be rendered inoperable with a key.

The gun weighs just 22 ounces unloaded, has an overall length of a little more than six inches and is slightly more than an inch wide. These features, coupled with its "melted" edges, make the Millennium G2 one of the most comfortable guns to carry.

## 09 SMITH & WESSON J-FRAME

MSRP

**\$469-\$499**

WEB: [www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)

The Smith & Wesson J-Frame has been around for a number of years, and today there are several models available under \$500. These lightweight, reliable wheelguns are a great choice for concealed carry.

J-Frame compact revolvers have been around a long time, and before current CCW permit legislation offered citizens the right to carry, it was a favorite backup gun for police, especially undercover detectives that needed a compact, reliable sidearm. Today, however, the J-Frame family has earned a loyal following among civilians who carry concealed, and it thrives in that role, too.

The J-Frame is available in a wide variety of models, many of which fall below \$500. Standouts include the Model 442, which has an aluminum frame, carbon steel cylinder



and weighs just 15 ounces unloaded, and the Model 642 LadySmith, a 14.5 ounce, 5-shot .38 with a classic walnut grip that is contoured to fit smaller hands.

If you've got five Benjamins to spend, this is one family of guns that gives you many options. If you're looking for a lightweight revolver that goes bang every time you pull the trigger then this is a great option, and chances are these compact revolvers will continue to be top sellers for the brand.

## 10 SMITH & WESSON M&P SHIELD

MSRP

**From \$449**

WEB: [www.Smith-Wesson.com](http://www.Smith-Wesson.com)

The M&P Shield from Smith & Wesson is a very popular choice for concealed carry. It's affordable, reliable, and available in a variety of configurations.

Smith & Wesson finds another spot on our list of the best budget handguns with their superb M&P Shield, one of the best-selling concealed carry autos in any price range. Available in both 9mm Luger and .40 S&W, the Shield is a lightweight, compact gun that is easy to carry and functions reliably. With a 3.1-inch barrel it has a total length of just over six inches, and the polymer frame on this striker-fired semi-auto



helps keep its overall weight to just 19 ounces unloaded.

The Shield's flat sides, minimized controls and 18-degree handle angle make it easy to conceal and comfortable for all-day carry. It's available with or without a thumb safety, and the controls are easy to use and intuitive.

Breakdown for cleaning is a snap, and this gun has proven to be reliable and accurate. **GWBG**



# **+ STRYKR COVERT CARRY SHORTS AND PANTS**

I'm always on the lookout for new methods of carrying concealed, and one of the most innovative options to come along in quite some time is Strykr Covert Carry's line of shorts and pants designed exclusively for gun owners.

At first glance, these appear to be standard khaki pants and shorts, but Strykr has developed an innovative holster that keeps the gun secure and yet easily accessible. An elastic band fits around the thigh, and that secures the internal holster in the pants or shorts to the leg so there's no bouncing, even when running with a gun in place (I've tried it).

The elastic holster is located under a false breakaway pocket, and the Velcro top keeps the pocket closed and the firearm secure. There's a portion at the top of the pocket where there is no Velcro, and this allows you to slip your hand down onto the gun and draw it without any delay. It's one of the most comfortable and reliable systems, and it functions just about anywhere. I've carried with these shorts while biking and hiking, and the Strykr Covert Carry garments blend in in just about any setting. If you carry concealed, these pants and shorts offer a great alternative to the standard holster.



**[www.strykr-covert-carry.myshopify.com](http://www.strykr-covert-carry.myshopify.com)**

**MSRP \$149**

# Range Tested

TO DETERMINE WHICH LOAD IS RIGHT FOR YOU, WE TRIED 11 .45 ACP CARTRIDGES

*By Steve Sieberts*

**T**he .45 ACP cartridge is one of the most popular handgun cartridges in the world.

Because of this, the number of manufacturers and the sheer variety in the bullet types and configurations is huge. Once a modern shooter has decided to use the .45 ACP, one of the most effective handgun cartridges ever developed, how then does he/she decide which is best? That's our job.

We chose 11 different brands and types of .45 ACP cartridges that are currently on the market. How did the testing shake out? Read on!

PHOTOS BY STEVE SIEBERTS









Testing the .45 ACP ammo with the Oehler 35P chronograph, the barricade, test target and falling plates made for a fun and interesting day at the range.

## **NOSLER MATCH GRADE**

### **GROUP SIZE: 1.517**

The first load tested was the Nosler 185 grain Match Grade JHP round. Why test a match grade round when the test is about self-defense use? Because the cartridge is loaded with the excellent Nosler JHP round, so if you combine excellent accuracy with a reliable JHP, you can get the best of

both worlds — great accuracy and excellent stopping power.

The 185 grain load clocked in at a mean velocity of 1,109 fps, and a standard deviation of 13 fps. The group size for 5 shots was 1.517, but the first four shots went into .412, with a called flyer opening up the group. No doubt I was trying to force the last shot into that tight initial group and tried to make it

too perfect, forcing the shot, which is what usually happens.

## **HORNADY FLEXLOCK +P**

### **GROUP SIZE: 1.554**

This 220 grain JHP round was one of the newer offerings from the Hornady Critical Duty line, and is designed with +P velocities. The round comes with a nickel plated case

# **+ 4 Considerations**

**01** The choice of cartridge for a caliber like the .45 ACP can largely depend on the intended use of the handgun.

**02** If you own a .45 ACP handgun and want to use a single load for both self-defense, informal range shooting and competitive shooting like IDPA, then you will want to use a load like the Black Hills; it combines good value, superb accuracy and excellent terminal performance.

**03** If you hand load for your plinking and competitive use and want a single-use load, then the Barnes, Federal, Nosler Defense, Nosler Match and Hornady loads are all good choices.

**04** You should test any load through the gun and magazines you will use for carry use with a minimum of 300 rounds without a malfunction before trusting the system with your life.



My range facility provides everything needed to test out a variety of firearms and ammunition. Plates, targets, barricades, plastic barrels all make for a fast and easy way to set up a test area.

and was designed and developed to meet the FBI terminal ballistic testing protocols. The load has a large jacket to core InterLock band which keeps the core and jacket from separating. The round shot a group of 1.554 inches, with a mean velocity of 992 fps and a standard deviation of 22 fps.

### **HORNADY FTX GROUP SIZE: 1.268**

The next round was an offering from the Hornady Critical Defense line — their 185 grain FTX cartridge. This load has an insert in the hollow point in order to provide reliable expansion, but it keeps the bullet cavity from being filled by heavy clothing and other materials. The load generated a group of 1.268 inches, a mean velocity of 1,047 fps, and a very low standard deviation of 7 fps.

### **BLACK HILLS +P GROUP SIZE: 1.582**

The fourth load tested was the outstanding 230 grain +P JHP from Black Hills Ammunition. This is a +P load that has always given me very good accuracy and consistent velocity in the past, and this test was no different. The group came in at 1.582 inches, with a mean velocity of 968 fps, and an excellent standard deviation of 2 fps.

### **FEDERAL HYDRA-SHOK GROUP SIZE: 1.068**

The Federal Premium Ammunition 230 grain Hydra-Shok round has been in use for a long time, and has proven to be one of the most consistent performers as far as accuracy and expansion in both gelatin tests, and in the real world. The Hydra-Shok



The custom Caspian 1911, the Oehler 35P chronograph, and the Black Hills pad make for a great way to test the ammunition at the range.





The custom Caspian 1911 was the perfect testbed for testing the various types and brands of ammunition, the bench served as a stable platform, and I was able to get excellent results.

round pioneered the deep expanding and controlled expansion bullet after the disastrous FBI shootout in Miami in 1986.

Chronograph velocities were a mean of 880 fps, a little lower than other rounds tested because of the slightly heavier 230 grain bullet, and a standard deviation of 7 fps. Group size was an outstanding 1.068 inches.

#### **FEDERAL HST-TACTICAL GROUP SIZE: 1.129**

This is a new 230 grain tactical LE load from Federal, and it combines the HST bullet, which has special skiving on the jacket to produce reliable expansion, but it also has excellent accuracy in standard velocities.

The load produced groups of 1.129 inches with a mean velocity of 874 fps and a standard deviation of 0 fps. That's not a

**"... the number of manufacturers and the sheer variety in the bullet types and configurations is huge."**

#### **TEST SPECS**

## **+ The Gun, The Parameters**

The testbed handgun I used was a custom Caspian Government Model with a 5-inch Match grade Kart barrel. Regular readers of my Gunsmithing column in *Gun World* magazine will recognize this pistol as the 1911 Project gun that I built for my column.

After I built this pistol, I tested it with a variety of ammunition out of a Ransom Rest, and obtained groups of under an inch for 5 shots at 25 yards using Federal 230 grain Match ammunition. The pistol shot just a shade over an inch with Hornady 200 grain XTP JHP, so I knew it was

capable of excellent accuracy out of the Kart Match barrel with both match and defensive ammunition.

For this test, I set up my Oehler 35P chronograph at 10 feet from the muzzle for velocity testing, but I also wanted to include some practical testing, so I set up a 100-yard rifle target on a white IPSC target at 15 yards. I used the loads to fire from the barricade to see how they cycled through the gun, and finally, ran them through the gun, firing at the falling plate rack at my local range. This would be good way to gauge muzzle flip and recoil felt.



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The Nosler Bonded Defense round turned in the best group of the day, coming in at .863 inches for five shots at 15 yards.

misprint. The bullet had velocities of a high of 875 fps and a low of 874 fps. Absolutely the most consistent .45 ACP cartridge I've ever tested, velocity-wise.

#### **HORNADY XTP GROUP SIZE: .970**

This was another Hornady offering, and it's from their XTP line. The XTP stands for Extreme Terminal Performance. This 200 grain load shot under an inch for 5 shots and had very good velocity readings of a mean of 940 fps, a standard deviation of 22

FPS, and a group size of .970 inches. This is excellent accuracy from a defensive load.

The lighter bullet, with its lower muzzle flip made running through the plate racks easy and fun.

#### **BLACK HILLS AMMUNITION GROUP SIZE: 1.255**

I tested two loads from the venerable company from South Dakota. This round was their standard velocity load topped off with the 230 grain JHP.

The load came in with a group size of

1.255 inches, with a mean velocity of 891 fps, and a standard deviation of a very low 5 fps. This is a very good, general purpose defensive cartridge that combines good velocity, good accuracy, excellent reliability and economy.

#### **HORNADY AMERICAN GUNNER GROUP SIZE: 1.607**

The American Gunner series of ammunition is a line of ammunition that combines reliable performance with economy, and it appeals to many shooters. This is a load that

## **+ Whose Group Was Best?**

**WHO** The Nosler Bonded Defense round | **GROUP** .863 for five shots | **DISTANCE** 15 yards



The various .45 ACP ammo shot during the day produced excellent results when fired off hand at the plates. Notice the gun is in full recoil, with the brass just coming out of the gun.

is targeted (no pun intended) to both the sporting and self-defense markets.

The 185 grain load I tested came in with a velocity of a mean of 990 fps, with a standard deviation of 22 fps. Group size was 1.607 inches. This would be a great load for both home defense and for IDPA/IPSC competition.

#### **NOSLER DEFENSE GROUP SIZE: .863**

The second Nosler load I tested was their Defense round. This is a 230 grain +P Bonded round. What is a Bonded round? This is where the jacket and core are bonded together using different materials and techniques to keep them from separating on impact. The Nosler Defense comes in +P velocities, and also has either tipped or

standard bullet nose configurations. The tipped bullets have a nylon tip to facilitate good expansion, but keep the tip from being filled with material when impacting a solid object, and since the tip gives the bullet a more rounded give, feeding is enhanced.

The load came in with a mean velocity of 932 fps, and a standard deviation of 6 fps. Group size was the best of the day at .863 inches. I tested the un-tipped bullet and had no malfunctions, even when firing fast and furious on the steel plate rack.

#### **BARNES TAC-XPD GROUP SIZE: 1.366**

The Barnes TAC-XPD line of handgun ammunition is designed strictly for personal defense. The bullet does not need any special treatment to keep the jacket and

**“The Hydra-Shok round pioneered the deep expanding and controlled expansion bullet after the disastrous FBI shootout in Miami in 1986.”**





The falling plates are a great way to test the ammunition for reliability, especially when trying to shoot fast while knocking down the plates. It's also a good way to get a feel of the recoil and muzzle flip generated by the various loads.

core together since the bullet is made entirely of copper. The cartridge cases are nickel plated, and the bullet also has a black nickel coating to give it a unique appearance.

The Barnes's offering is loaded to +P velocities and the bullet crossed my skyscreens at a mean velocity of 980 fps, and a standard deviation of a very low 6 fps. Accuracy was a very good 1.366 inches.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

All of the loads tested were also shot from various positions at my range, including the barricade, and we also utilized the plate rack. The split times from the various loads were all pretty similar, and recoil was manageable from them, as well.

The 185 and 200 grain products generated the recoil least felt, and they all had a very low smoke signature. I liked the Nosler because of its lightweight 185 grain JHP bullet and match grade accuracy. But the Black Hills, Hornady, Barnes and Federal also have good accuracy and have incorporated quite a bit of engineering into terminal ballistics over the years.

All of the brands functioned perfectly in my custom 1911, without a single failure to feed, chamber fire, extract or eject.

Overall, the accuracy from the ammo tested was excellent, and I would like to put all of the rounds through the gun from a Ransom Rest at 25 yards, or even 50 yards to really set them apart.

So, which one to choose? You really can't

## **+.45 ACP 101**

Many gun experts have written about the initial development of the .45 ACP cartridge, and the stories of the failure of the .38 revolvers to stop the Moro warriors in the Moro Insurrection of the Philippine-American wars between 1899 and 1902. Out of those failures to effectively stop the charges of the Moros, the first terminal ballistic testing came about with the Thompson-LaGarde tests of 1904.

Colonel John Thompson, of the U.S. Infantry, and Major Louis LaGarde of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, developed a testing protocol to find a more effective handgun cartridge that would stop a human attacker. These tests were conducted at the Chicago Stockyards on live cattle and

human cadavers. The cartridges tested included .30 Luger, 9mm Parabellum, .38 Long Colt, .38 ACP, .45 Colt, .476 Eley, and the .455 Webley. It's interesting to note that the cattle were suspended by harness and the amount of "sway" when they were shot constituted one of the first uses of the ballistic pendulum, a technique that is still used today, although not with live animals.

Also measured were how many shots it took to dispatch the animal. From of these tests, the Thompson-LaGarde Review Board found one overriding fact. "Finally the Board reached the conclusion that the only safeguard at close encounters is a well-directed rapid fire from nothing less than a .45-caliber weapon."

go wrong with any of these quality loads, the best thing to do is to run a large sample through the gun you intend to carry in order to make sure the cartridge feeds reliably in your gun, and practice, practice, practice. **GWBG**

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